



# THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

## Prelude

## THE WORD OF GOD

### The Great Litany

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 148

### 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 God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The First Reading: Genesis 2:15–17; 3:1–7

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 2

*Commentary: God prepared a perfect garden, a place where humankind could enjoy fellowship with Him. Adam and Eve were to tend the garden, but their primary responsibility was to worship and obey God. The Lord gave them great freedom, only one tree was forbidden to them in order to test their obedience. However, Satan planted a seed of doubt in Eve's mind regarding God's ways and goodness. Satan focused Eve's thoughts on God's one prohibition and then suggested the motive for this prohibition was for God's benefit, not Adam and Eve's. The Lord had promised to provide what was good for humankind, but Eve believed Satan's lie and sinned by breaking God's law, as did Adam. Failure to appreciate God's goodness led to distrust of His goodness. God's prohibitions, as well as His provisions, are always for our good.*

The LORD God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall die." Now the serpent was more crafty than any other wild animal that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, "Did God say, 'You shall not eat from any tree in the garden?'" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the garden, nor shall you touch it, or you shall die.'" But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die; for God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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



Hap - py are they whose trans - gres - sions are for - giv'n, and whose sin is — put a - way!

**Psalm chant:**



Happy are they whose transgressions are for-/given, \*  
and whose sin is put a-/way!

Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no / **guilt**, \*  
and in whose spirit there is no / **guile**!

**Antiphon**

While I held my tongue, my bones withered a-/ way, \*  
because of my groaning all day / **long**.  
For your hand was heavy upon me day and / **night**; \*  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of / **summer**.

**Antiphon**

Then I acknowledged my / **sin to you**, \*  
and did not conceal my / **guilt**.  
I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the / **LORD**.” \*  
Then you forgave me the guilt of my / **sin**.

**Antiphon**

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of / **trouble**; \*  
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.  
You are my / **hiding-place**;  
you preserve me from / **trouble**; \*  
you surround me with shouts of de-/liverance.

**Antiphon**

“I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should / **go**; \*  
I will guide you with my / **eye**.  
Do not be like horse or mule, which have no under-/standing; \*  
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay / **near you**.”

**Antiphon**

Great are the tribulations of the / **wicked**; \*  
but mercy embraces those who trust in the / **LORD**.  
Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the / **LORD**; \*  
shout for joy, all who are true of / **heart**.

**Antiphon**

## The Epistle: Romans 5:12–19

NRSV, p. 1029

*Commentary: In this passage, Paul taught that just as Adam's sin brought condemnation and death into the world, so Jesus Christ's righteous act on behalf of sinners brought life to all who come to Him by faith. Adam's act resulted in his descendants' sinning and dying. We inherit Adam's sinful nature, therefore, we all sin and die. However, Christ's act of dying as our sinless substitute made all who trust in Him righteous in God's sight. As Adam's sinful act resulted in inevitable death for his descendants, so Christ's obedient act, His death on the cross, resulted in inevitable life for all who believe in Him.*

As sin came into the world through one man, and death came through sin, and so death spread to all because all have sinned— sin was indeed in the world before the law, but sin is not reckoned when there is no law. Yet death exercised dominion from Adam to Moses, even over those whose sins were not like the transgression of Adam, who is a type of the one who was to come. But the free gift is not like the trespass.

For if the many died through the one man's trespass, much more surely have the grace of God and the free gift in the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abounded for the many. And the free gift is not like the effect of the one man's sin. For the judgment following one trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings justification. If, because of the one man's trespass, death exercised dominion through that one, much more surely will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness exercise dominion in life through the one man, Jesus Christ. Therefore just as one man's trespass led to condemnation for all, so one man's act of righteousness leads to justification and life for all. For just as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn 148

“Creator of the earth and skies”

*Uffingham*

### The Holy Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

*NRSV*, p. 881

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

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

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But he answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’” Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’” Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

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**

Boris Ord

Adam lay ybounden,  
Bounden in a bond;  
Four thousand winter,  
Thought he not too long.

And all was for an apple,  
An apple that he took.  
As clerkes finden,  
Written in their book.

Ne had the apple taken been,  
The apple taken been,  
Ne had never our ladie,  
Abeen heav'ne queen.

Blessed be the time  
That apple taken was,  
Therefore we moun singen.  
*Deo Gratias!*

**Presentation Hymn 143**

“The glory of these forty days” *fifth verse only*

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to  
thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed, who art in - three - fold  
Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

*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 S-124**

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

David Hurd

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na  
 in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in  
 the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
 We proclaim his resurrection,  
 We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues, concluding with:*

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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*Celebrant* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: S-161 "Lamb of God"

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn 341	"For the bread which you have broken"	<i>Omni die</i>
Hymn 699	"Jesus, Lover of my soul"	<i>Aberystwyth</i>
Hymn 147	"Now let us all with one accord"	<i>Bourbon</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.

Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

*Celebrant* Bow down before the Lord.  
*The people kneel*

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn 559

"Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

*Dulce carmen*

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodson*

*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  
 Thomas Henry Wright, Eleanor Gilchrist Wright, Thomas Henry Wright Jr.,  
 Sally Cameron Labouisse, John Witherspoon Labouisse.*

# ST. JAMES PARISH

## LENT AT ST. JAMES

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. 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. Below are some ways you can engage with your parish family during this season.

### WEEKLY OFFERINGS DURING LENT

#### MONDAY - FRIDAY

- **8:00 AM - Morning Prayer on Zoom** - Each weekday morning, a group gathers on Zoom to read scripture, share music, and most importantly pray. We take the time to offer prayers for those on the prayer list, those on our hearts, and give thanks for all good that God is doing in our lives.

#### MONDAYS

- **5:00 PM - Living Well in the Midst of Grief** - The St. James Grief Group meets on 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Attendees gather in the Graham Parlor or join in via Zoom. This community shares support for the grief and losses we carry.

#### WEDNESDAYS

- **7:00 AM - Youth Starbucks Bible Study** - Young people are invited to join Cookie, Jane, Phillip and others of our St. James Youth group for a morning pick-me-up! The Starbucks Bible Study is one you won't want to miss. Even if you did give up caffeine for Lent.
- **11:00 AM - Weekday Bible Study - Lenten Series** - Join in the Graham Parlor or on Zoom! Our Weekday Bible Study will meet at 11:00 AM for a special Lenten series on Philippians led by Susan Ingle!
- **12:10 PM - Eucharist in the Sanctuary** - Join us in the St. James Chapel for a Noonday Eucharist. Come partake in Holy Communion each Wednesday.
- **5:45 PM - Children's Choir Practice** - The St. James Children's Choir is back in action. Join Mr. John in the Children's Chapel for Choir practice each Wednesday during March as we prepare for a special presentation on Palm Sunday!
- **6:00 PM - Wednesday Night Parish Dinners** - Don't cook. Come have dinner with us instead! We'll be serving our Parish Dinner in the Perry Hall from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Visit our website to RSVP and to learn about our love offering!
- **7:00 PM - Lenten Series: The Passion Narratives of Jesus Christ** - Following the Parish Dinner, join the Rev. Gray Hodsdon in the Bishop Wright Room or on Zoom for a special Lenten Series discussing the accounts of the Passion narratives of Jesus Christ.
- **7:00 PM - St. James Choir Practice** - Love to sing? Come join the fun in the choir room—we always have an extra chair. Remember when you sing for church you pray twice. And the Lord says make a joyful noise!

#### THURSDAYS

- **6:00 PM - Praying Shapes Believing** - This 7-week class is underway! Together, we are reading through *Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices*. If you are interested in learning more about the Episcopal tradition, we invite you to join us. Come as you are - comfortable! We'll have some light refreshments. If you have any questions or need a copy of the book, as you will want to read prior to attending, please contact or the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at [cheryl@stjamesp.org](mailto:cheryl@stjamesp.org).

# FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & FAITH DISCUSSIONS**  
-Journeying through the Wilderness: A clergy-led class and discussion of the season of Lent. - Speaker- St. James Clergy - *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., FEB. 27 - MAR. 3

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

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | Great Hall

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- WEEKDAY BIBLE STUDY  
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or via Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- USHER & GREETER COMMITTEE TRAINING  
5:00 PM | St. James Parish

### WEDNESDAY... CONT.D:

- CHILDREN'S CHOIR  
5:45 PM | St. James Parish
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER  
6:00-7:00 PM | Perry Hall
- LENTEN SERIES: PASSION NARRATIVES OF JESUS CHRIST  
7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

### THURSDAY, MARCH 2

- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING  
6:00 PM | Lippitt Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

### FRIDAY, MARCH 3

- HAPPENING #79 BEGINS AT TRINITY CENTER

### SATURDAY, MARCH 4

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

### SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 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

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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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