



THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 12 MARCH 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 690

“Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Cwm Rhondda

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

Collect for Purity

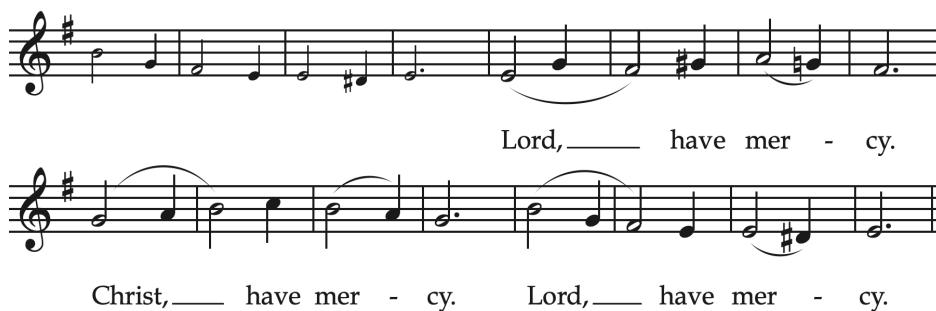
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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie

“Lord, have mercy”

Holy Ghost



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, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Commentary: The Israelites, having been safely delivered out of Egypt through the Red Sea, were grumbling because there was no water to drink when they camped at Rephidim. Grumbling revealed a lack of faith in God's promise to provide for their needs. The people wanted God to act according to their own desires and timetable. In their anger, the people lashed out at Moses, who took his problems to the Lord. Moses brought water from the rock, demonstrating that God continued to enable him to perform miracles, as he had done in Egypt. The name 'Massah' means testing, commemorating the Israelites' testing of God. 'Meribah' means quarreling, commemorating their quarreling with Moses.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95:1–6

"Come, let us sing to the Lord"

Venite, exultemus

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



Psalm chant



Come, let us sing to the / **Lord**; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our sal-/vation.

Let us come before his presence with / **thanksgiving** *

and raise a loud shout to him with / **psalms**.

Antiphon (sung by all)

For the Lord is a great / **God**, *

and a great King above / **all gods**.

In his hand are the caverns of the / **earth**, *

and the heights of the hills are his / **also**.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The sea is his, for he / **made it**, *

and his hands have molded the dry / **land**.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the / **knee**, *

and kneel before the Lord our / **Maker**.

Antiphon (sung by all)

The Epistle: Romans 5:1–11

NRSV, p. 1029

Commentary: In the first four chapters of Romans, Paul explained justification by faith, the process by which sinful humans are made acceptable to a holy God, an act of pure grace. In this passage, Paul presented the results of justification by faith, and they are many: peace with God, access to God, future glory in God's presence, joy even in suffering, the indwelling Holy Spirit, and deliverance from God's wrath. Progress in character development attests to God's grace in our lives. God's love and grace were evident as He gave His Son Jesus Christ to die for sinners. In Christ, we are reconciled to God. We have salvation now and in the future because our Savior lives.

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we

were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 455

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

Dunedin

The Holy Gospel: John 4:5–42

NRSV, p. 971

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon. A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, "How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?" (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, "If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?" Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water." Jesus said to her, "Go, call your husband, and come back." The woman answered him, "I have no husband." Jesus said to her, "You are right in saying, 'I have no husband'; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!" The woman said to him, "Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that Messiah is coming" (who is called Christ). "When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking to you." Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, "What do you want?" or, "Why are you speaking with her?" Then the woman left her water jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, "Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?" They left the city and were on their way to him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, "Rabbi, eat something." But he said to them, "I have food to eat that you do not know about." So the disciples said to one another, "Surely no one has brought him something to eat?" Jesus said to them, "My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, 'Four months more, then comes the harvest'? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, 'One sows and another reaps.' I sent you to reap that for which you did not labor. Others have labored, and you have entered into their labor." Many Samaritans from that city believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I have ever done." So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, "It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Savior of the world."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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:

...Great God and King, **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

“Come, ye sinners, poor and needy”

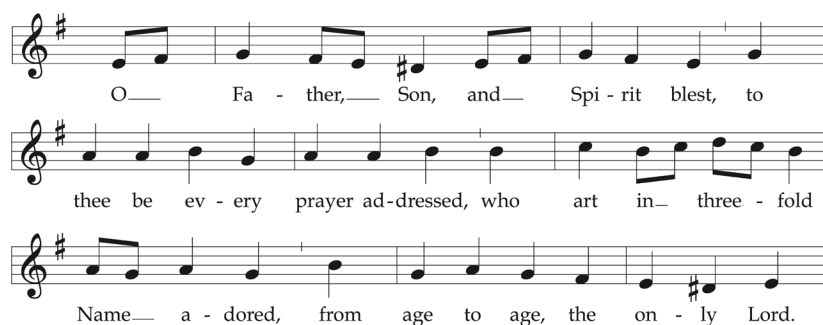
Restoration

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy,
Weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you,
Full of pity, love and power.

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome,
God's free bounty glorify;
True belief and true repentance,
Every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus,
He will embrace me in His arms;
In the arms of my dear Savior,
O there are ten thousand charms.

~ Joseph Hart

**The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B**

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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.

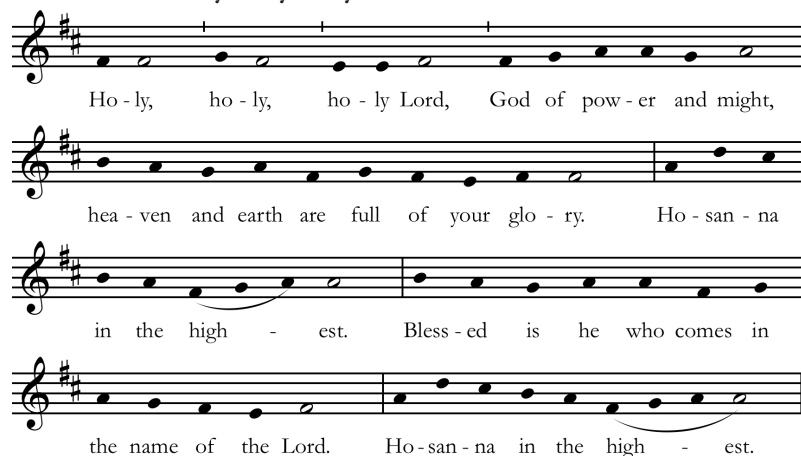
Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heav-
en, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus S-124

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

David Hurd

*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 309	"O Food to pilgrims given"	<i>O Welt, ich muss dich lassen</i>
Hymn 489	"O God, unseen yet ever near"	<i>St. Flavian</i>
Hymn 658	"As longs the deer for cooling streams"	<i>Martyrdom</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

Look mercifully on this your family, Almighty God, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 495

"Hail, thou once despised Jesus"

In Babilone

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People Thanks be to God.

Postlude

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, March 19 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Location ~ RSVP for Directions

The St. James Breadbreakers' are hosting the first Hospitality at Home of 2023 in March! Make plans to bring a dish. RSVP online.

ECW: LADIES NIGHT OUT WITH SHERI CASTLE

Tuesday, March 21 | 6:00-8:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

The St. James Parish Episcopal Church Women are very excited to host an evening of wine, food and fellowship on March 21st. We invite the community to join us in celebrating our first gathering of 2023. The ECW has invited guest speaker Sheri Castle to kick off the celebration. Sheri is the host and producer of her PBS show THE KEY INGREDIENT. She has been the Contributing Food Editor at Southern Living Magazine since 1998. Sheri is coming to St. James ECW to share some good southern storytelling with a dash of great recipes and fellowship. Join us on Tuesday, March 21, 2023 for this special presentation. At 6:00 p.m. there will be a reception for Sheri Castle in the Lippitt Room followed by her presentation at 7:00 p.m. in the Great Hall. You may find more information about parking and facilities access on the St. James Parish website.

Copies of Ms. Castle's cookbooks will be available for purchase in the Parish Shop.



RACIAL UNITY COMMITTEE MEETING

Wednesday, March 22 | 5:00-6:00 p.m. | Graham Parlor

The Committee on Racial Unity will meet on Wednesday, March 22nd in the Graham Parlor. Please join us if you are interested in learning more about the work of this committee at St. James Parish. Please consider joining us in this important ministry.

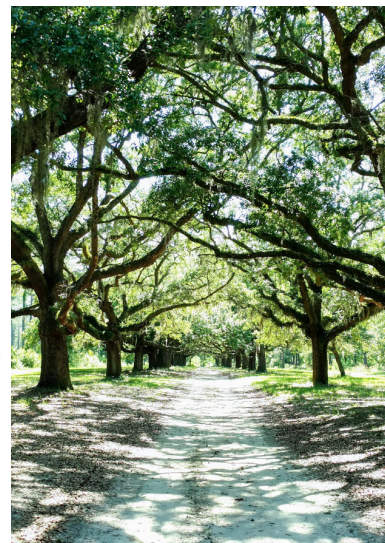
MEN ON A MISSION: FELLOWSHIP EVENT

Sunday, March 26 | 3:30-6:00 p.m. | Pleasant Oaks Plantation ~ RSVP for Directions

Mark your calendars! Men on a Mission is having its first-ever all-inclusive fellowship event on Sunday, March 26th at Pleasant Oaks Plantation.

Come enjoy this beautiful setting with wonderful church friends, a catered barbeque with all the fixin's, drinks of all varieties (including a Steve Thomas Oktoberfest), a bluegrass band, and lots of great fellowship. You're invited to bring a spouse, partner, friend, or come solo. Each MoM member may bring one 21+-year-old guest of any gender. We'll have a large tent available for shade and we will have fun, rain or shine.

Register now online! Use the button below to register now! Cost \$25 for one, and \$40 for two. As always, net proceeds from MoM events go toward MoM outreach efforts. We hope to see you all out at Pleasant Oaks Plantation!



*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Joel Cook Pretlow, Jr., Marguerite Kerr Pretlow, Earl Glass Neas, and Harriet Stokes Neas.*

FAITH FORMATION

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS & FAITH DISCUSSIONS** - This is Us: Christians in Healthcare- *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., MARCH 13-17

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

MONDAY, MARCH 13

SJDS CLOSED- TEACHER WORKDAY

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 15

- 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

WEDNESDAY... CONT.D:

- COHI MEETING
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor
- 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 16

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 17

- **ST. PATRICK'S DAY**
- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, MARCH 18

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 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
- HOSPITALITY AT HOME
4:00-6:00 PM | Hartman Home
- YOUTH GROUP: JESUS REVOLUTION
Time and Location TBA
- FULL COURT FELLOWSHIP
7:15 PM | Perry Hall

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the March 20th Digital Grapevine is February March 17th.

The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is March 24th.

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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