



# THE TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 22 OCTOBER 2023

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

### Prelude

### Processional Hymn 362

“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God almighty!”

*Nicaea*



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!  
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord — God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee:  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the sin - ful hu - man eye thy glo - ry may not see,  
All thy works shall praise thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea;



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y,  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.  
which wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pu - ri - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

### 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.**

Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; —  
 — you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to  
 you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo - ry to you  
 — in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u -  
 bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the  
 high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you,  
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

## 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 and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Commentary: Because the Israelites had repudiated His covenant with them, God announced He would no longer dwell in their midst. God's withdrawal from Israel created problems for Moses, who did not know how to lead the people without God leading him. God assured Moses that He would continue to go with His people. Additionally, Moses asked God to reveal Himself more fully to His servant, and God promised to do it. Although Moses would only be given a partial glimpse of God's glory, he was satisfied. God gave His servant a description not of how He looks, but of how He is. Greater insight into God's character fortified Moses to continue in his role as Israel's leader.*

Moses said to the LORD, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The LORD said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The LORD'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the LORD continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10**

*Commentary: Paul first visited Thessalonica, the capital and largest city in the Roman province of Macedonia, during his second missionary journey. Paul taught in the synagogue there and according to Acts 17:2-4, many believed the gospel. This epistle was written in response to reports Paul received about conditions in the Thessalonian church. Paul thanked God for the Thessalonians' faith, love and the hope that enabled them to stand firm in the face of persecution. The Thessalonians had not just heard the gospel, they were living it out, and their good reputation had spread throughout the region. The Thessalonians' motivation for holy living was the desire to be prepared to meet the Lord Jesus at His return.*

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

*After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.*

**Sequence Hymn 568**

"Father all loving, who rulest in majesty"

*Was lebet*

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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:*

...Be gracious to us, O God; **Show us your mercy.**

**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.**

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

Welcome and Announcements

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

Offertory Anthem

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,  
keep my commandments,  
and I will pray the Father,  
and he shall give you another comforter,  
that he may bide with you forever,  
e'en the spirit of truth.

~ John 14:15-17

Presentation Hymn

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

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 heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus: S125

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn 665

“All my hope on God is founded”

Michael

### The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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### Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*

*Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*

*Children's Chapel: The Reverend Cheryl E. Brainard*

*Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
Wanda Haddock Oden, William Kellam Oden, Elizabeth Robinson Earnhardt, and James Jennings Earnhardt*

## TODAY AT ST. JAMES

### FAITH FORMATION HOUR

- DISCIPLES' CLASS: "Fruit of the Spirit, Part III" - the Rev. Robert Bayley- *Lippitt Room or Zoom*
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS: - *Stephen Ministry Room*
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: *Youth Room*
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: *2nd Floor Milton Hall*

### LATER TODAY

- MoM: OCTOBERFEST: 3:00 PM *Hosted by the Coggins' at Figure Eight - RSVP*
- IGNITE: YOUTH GATHERING 5:00 PM *Meet in the Bishop Wright Room*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., OCTOBER 23-27

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

### MONDAY, OCTOBER 23

- SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP  
5:00 PM | Group Member Home
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 24

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
9:00 AM | Register for Location

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASS  
9:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE  
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

### WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE  
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER  
6:00 PM | Great Hall | RSVP
- WEDNESDAY WITH REV. PHILLIP  
7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- CHOIR PRACTICE  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT THE GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:30 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- EUCHARISTIC PRAYER & FELLOWSHIP  
5:00 PM | Great Hall
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30 PM | Register for Location
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP  
7:00 PM | The Becker Home

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 27

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
8:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room

### SUNDAY, OCTOBER 29

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST  
8:30 AM | Great Hall
- FAITH FORMATION | SUNDAY SCHOOL  
9:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- SOCK HOP: PARISH DANCE  
5:00 PM | Perry Hall | Bring some socks to donate to Good Shepherd Center!

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the October 30<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, October 26<sup>th</sup>.  
The deadline for the November Grapevine Magazine is October 26<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **MEN ON A MISSION: OCTOBERFEST GATHERING**

*Sunday, October 22 | 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.*

The St. James Men on a Mission are celebrating Octoberfest on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 – 5:30 PM! This event is open to all men of St. James and any male guests 21+ years old, and it is being hosted by Steve Coggins at his Figure Eight Island home. Come join us for festive food and wonderful fellowship with a great group of guys. The St. James Brew Crew is brewing a special Octoberfest surprise for us to enjoy! Registration is \$25 per person.

*Net proceeds from this event will go to 2Share, a local ministry collecting furniture, fixtures and household items, and delivering them at no charge to those in our community with the greatest needs.*

## **MEALS ON WHEELS**

*Sunday, October 29 | 7:30 a.m.*

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, October 29th and we need volunteers! Anyone willing to drive, cook, and/or bring two bunches of grapes is greatly appreciated. We are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. These clients would often go hungry without this ministry. Your active participation in this vital program is greatly appreciated. If you are willing and able to participate, please contact Molly Roush at [mollyrousb@hotmail.com](mailto:mollyrousb@hotmail.com)

## **SOCK HOP: PARISH DANCE**

*Sunday, October 29 | 5:00-7:00 pm | Perry Hall*

Our St. James Youth invite you to participate in our Sock Hop: Parish Dance. Come with a bag of socks for our neighbors in need and ~~g~~ready to dance the night away. We'll be enjoying some classic tunes from the 50's & 60's, root beer floats, and some old fashioned fun! Help us stock our ice cream bar by letting us know you plan to attend! RSVP now online.

## **OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK & LUMINIARIES**

*Sunday, November 5 | 2:00 - 5:30 p.m. | New Hanover High School*

The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Wilmington area "Out of the Darkness Community Walk" will take place on Sunday, November 5, at New Hanover High School, Market Street. The "St. James Youth Ministries 2023 Out of the Darkness Team" would like to invite ST. JAMES Parishioners, Families, Friends and Neighbors to join our 2023 Out of the Darkness Team. Please You may volunteer to help during the event and/or you may support this cause by asking friends and family to donate money to support this extremely important Walk. You may also support this important event by donating to the St. James Youth Out of the Darkness Project or purchasing a Luminary in honor or in memory of someone who has been impacted by suicide or is a guiding light in the fight against the darkness. Please direct any questions to Jane Rippy - [jane Rippy@yaboo.com](mailto:jane Rippy@yaboo.com), Louise Rippy Lane - [louise.Lane@tritech.com](mailto:louise.Lane@tritech.com), or to Cookie Cantwell - [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

## ON-GOING OUTREACH PROJECTS

### **MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER**

*Thursday, October 26 | 4:30- 7:00 p.m.*

The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month and the fourth Thursday of each month. Please let us know if you would like to serve. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty at [bmcmetry@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmetry@arris.partners) to volunteer!

### **LUNCHES FOR A SAFE PLACE**

Help us feed our community by providing lunch for those who visit the Outreach Center at A Safe Place! Twice a week twenty or so ladies gather to meet with their case managers, their substance abuse counselors, receive employment assistance and attend life skills classes all in a safe and welcoming environment.. If you are interested in providing a lunch for these girls please visit the MealTrain Sign Up. There are 8-10 opportunities per month! Have questions about this ministry? Please reach out to Cathy Halligan at [cathyhalligan@gmail.com](mailto:cathyhalligan@gmail.com).

### **2SHARE FURNITURE PICK-UP**

2Share is a small group of local volunteers who started an ad hoc effort, in 2017, to take in furniture donations that we then delivered to those in need in our community. In the aftermath of Florence, they significantly expanded their efforts. They work cooperatively with many other local non-profit organizations in Wilmington. There are regular opportunities to serve alongside this group! If you would like to participate, please contact: Alex Murchison, [alexsmurchison@gmail.com](mailto:alexsmurchison@gmail.com).

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