



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 29 OCTOBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 423

"Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

St. Denio

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

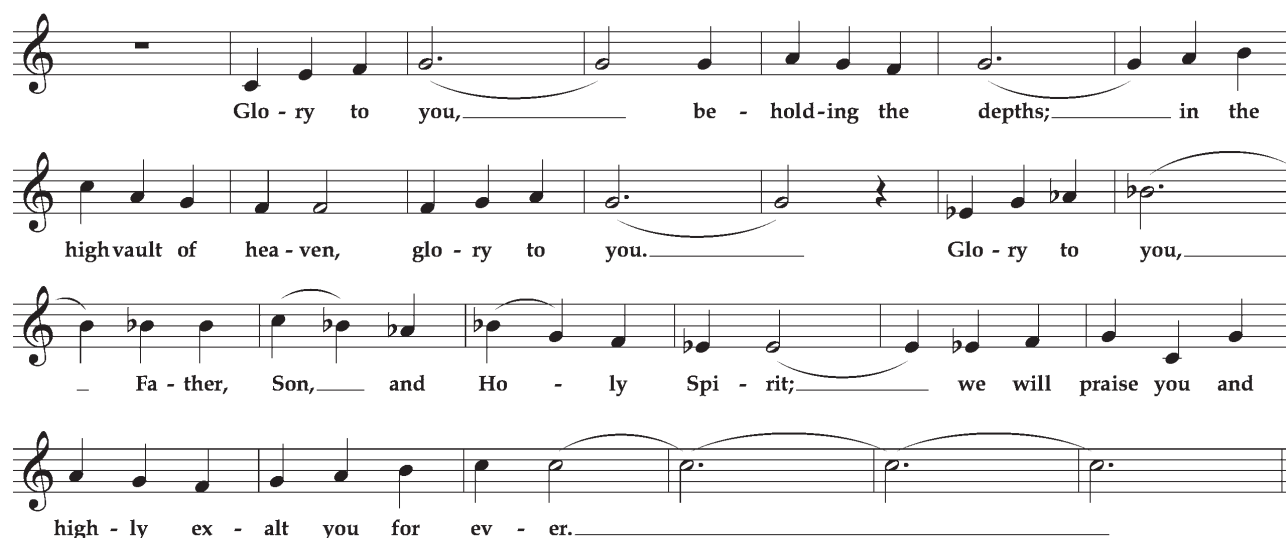
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A Song of Praise: S236

"Glory to you"

John Rutter

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.



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, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; 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 34:1–12

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 191

Commentary: The account of Moses' death and burial forms the epilogue to Deuteronomy. Moses proceeded up Mt Nebo as God had directed him (see Deuteronomy 32:48-52), and from there he viewed the land across the Jordan River that God had promised to give to Abraham's descendants. The last forty years of Moses' long life were spent leading the Israelites and his final resting place is unknown. After Moses' death the people mourned for thirty days and then Joshua picked up the reins of leadership, empowered by God to lead successfully. Moses was a remarkable man. He had a unique, close relationship with God and was the Lord's willing servant to bring Israel from slavery in Egypt to the border of the Promised Land.

Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the LORD showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. The LORD said to him, “This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, ‘I will give it to your descendants’; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.” Then Moses, the servant of the LORD, died there in the land of Moab, at the LORD’s command. He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. Moses was one hundred twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigor had not abated. The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the LORD had commanded Moses.

Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the LORD knew face to face. He was unequaled for all the signs and wonders that the LORD sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Lord, you have been our / **refuge** *
 from one generation to a-/**nother**.
 Before the mountains were brought forth,
 or the land and the earth were / **born**, *
 from age to age you are / **God**.

ANTIPHON

You turn us back to the dust and / **say**, *
 “Go back, O child of / **earth**.”
 For a thousand years in your sight are like
 yesterday when it is / **past** *
 and like a watch in the / **night**.

ANTIPHON

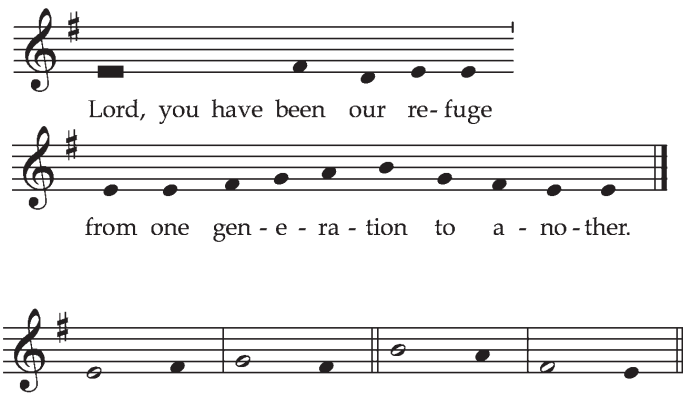
You sweep us away like a / **dream**; *
 we fade away suddenly like the / **grass**.
 In the morning it is green and / **flourishes**; *
 in the evening it is dried up and / **withered**

ANTIPHON

Return, O Lord; how long will you / **tarry**? *
 be gracious to your / **servants**.
 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the / **morning**; *
 so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our / **life**.

ANTIPHON

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



Make us glad by the measure of
 the days that you af-/**flicted us** *
 and the years in which we suffered ad-/**versity**.
 Show your servants your / **works** *
 and your splendor to their / **children**.

Second half of chant:

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be up-/**on us**; *
 prosper the work of our hands;
 prosper our / **handiwork**.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

The Holy Bible *NRSV*, p. 1077

Commentary: Paul wrote this epistle to encourage the Thessalonian believers and he also wanted to correct misinformation about himself that was being circulated by some of his critics. Paul reminded the Thessalonians that the motivation for his ministry was, above all else, the desire to please God. He did this to strengthen their confidence in him and to counteract the effects of accusations being directed against him. Paul declared his message was true, his motives pure and his methods straightforward. Paul had acted as God's faithful servant and his life and ministry powerfully demonstrated love for God and neighbor.

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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

Sequence Hymn 424

“For the fruit of all creation”

East Acklam

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 22:34–46

NRSV, p.902

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. “Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?”

He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.” Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: “What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”?’

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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:

...Show your servants your works, O Lord,

And be gracious to us.

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

Daniel Burton

I got me flowers to strew thy way; The Sun arising in the East,
 I got me boughs off many a tree: Though he give light, and the East perfume;
 But thou wast up by break of day, If they should offer to contest
 And brought'st thy sweets along with thee. With thy arising, they presume.

Can there be any day but this,
 Though many suns to shine endeavour?
 We count three hundred, but we miss:
 There is but one, and that one ever.

~ George Herbert

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 616

“Hail to the Lord’s Anointed”

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

The Dismissal

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

Postlude



Celebrant & Children's Chapel: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

John Nelson & Mable Davis Alexius, John Nelson Alexius Jr.,

Harold Davis and Margaret Bellamy Alexius, and Catherine Alexius Emerson

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

- DISCIPLES' CLASS: "A Veteran's Journey of Faith" with Ron Copley- *Lippitt Room or Zoom*
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS: "Technology, AI, & Boundaries" with Erin Becker- *Stephen Ministry Room*
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: *Youth Room*
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: *2nd Floor Milton Hall*

LATER TODAY

- IGNITE HOSTS: PARISH SOCK HOP
5:00 PM *Join us in Perry Hall! Bring a bag of socks to share with our neighbors in need.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., OCT. 30 - NOV. 3

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 30

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1

ALL SAINTS DAY

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- MORNING PRAYER: ALL SAINTS DAY
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- 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 | Lippitt Room
- CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 PM | Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS
5:30 PM | Great Hall
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- DUE DATE FOR LUMINARY ORDERS
- DUE DATE FOR CHRISTMAS PAGEANT SIGN UPS

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- 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
- OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK
2:00 PM | New Hanover High School

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the November 6th Digital Grapevine is Friday, November 3rd.

The deadline for the December Grapevine Magazine is November 27th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

TONIGHT 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 get 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.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY | REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

Due date for name submissions: Wednesday, November 1st

During our morning services on Sunday, November 5 (All Saints' Sunday), we will remember the dearly departed as we toll the bell during the Prayers of the People. If you have someone from the past year whom you wish to remember, please call the church by Wednesday, November 1st (910-763-1628) or fill out the form online.

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS

Sessions on November 2, 9, & 16 from 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Newcomers, those who have been a part of our community for less than a year, are encouraged to be a part of our St. James Orientation for Newcomers (SJON) Series. Meet us in the Great Hall to learn about the Episcopal tradition, St. James Parish's mission and ministries, and meet the clergy. The SJON Series is a great way to connect with others in our parish family and find programs and ministries to suit your interests. Childcare provided with reservation. Have questions about the SJON Series? Reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK & LUMINARIES

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 - janerippy@yahoo.com, Louise Rippy Lane - louise.lane@tritech.com, or to Cookie Cantwell - cookie@stjamesp.org.

LECTOR TRAINING

Sunday, November 5 | 11:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

Want to read or lead the prayers of the people on Sunday Mornings? New and established Lectors are invited to join us for Lector Training on Sunday, November 5th following the 10:15 a.m. Service.

UPCOMING OUTREACH PROJECTS

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

Sunday, November 5 | Gifts Due Dec. 3

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Southeastern North Carolina's Christmas Gift program is in full flight! This year St. James Parish has adopted 125 Angels. You can start picking up your Angel Tree tags on Sunday, Nov. 5 outside of the church service. We have such generous hearts at St. James! We would like to remind everyone to please make sure to keep within the spending limit of \$25-35 to help prevent accidental disparities between what each child receives. If you'd like to give more, please consider adopting additional children. If you have questions about this year's participation in the Angel Tree Project, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Tuesday, November 7th | 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@arrispartners.com to volunteer!

2SHARE FURNITURE PICK-UP

2Share is a small group of local volunteers who take in furniture donations that we then delivered to those in need in our community. There are regular opportunities to serve alongside this group! If you would like to participate, please contact: Alex Murchison, alexsmurchison@gmail.com.

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