



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Kyrie

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, whose blessed Son was manifested that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant us, we beseech thee, that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like unto him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, he liveth and reigneth ever, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

The Holy Bible *NRSV*, p. 1078

Commentary: The Thessalonians were immature in their faith and one area in which they needed instruction had to do with Christ's return from heaven. Paul realized that awareness of the bright future awaiting those who presently slept in death gives hope to those who grieve for them. God will herald Christ's return with a shout of command, an angelic voice and a trumpet blast. Mortal bodies will be made immortal as Christians meet Christ in the air, nevermore to be separated from Him. Paul set an example of expectancy: the church is to constantly anticipate the Lord's return.

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78:1–7

read responsively by whole verse

Attendite, popule

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; ***
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
4 **We will recount to generations to come**
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.

5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
6 **That the generations to come might know,**
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments.

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, ‘Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.’ Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, ‘Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.’ But the wise replied, ‘No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.’ And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, ‘Lord, lord, open to us.’ But he replied, ‘Truly I tell you, I do not know you.’ Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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The Blessing

Closing Hymn 680

“O God, our help in ages past”

St. Anne



1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
2 un - der the sha - dow of thy throne thy saints have dwelt se - cure;
3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or earth re - ceived her frame,
4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are like an eve - ning gone;
5 Time, like an ev - er - roll - ing stream, bears all our years a - way;
6 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,



1 our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
2 suf - fi - cient is thine arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
3 from ev - er - last - ing thou art God, to end - less years the same.
4 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.
5 they fly, for - got - ten, as a dream dies at the o - pening day.
6 be thou our guide while life shall last, and our e - ter - nal home.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Organist: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Adair & Katie McKoy; Kitty McKoy Trask; Adair McKoy Jr.; Douglas McKoy Strange
Charles P. and Jean M. Graham, and Kitty Trask Holt.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 13-17

• MORNING PRAYER

8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13

• SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE

4:00 PM | Youth Room or via Zoom

• SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP

5:00 PM | Group Member's Home

• VESTRY MEETING

5:15 PM | Graham Parlor

• FELLOWSHIP AA

7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

• EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

9:00 AM | Register for Location

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

• YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks

• 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

• PHILIPPIANS STUDY WITH REV. PHILLIP

7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

• CHOIR PRACTICE

7:00 PM | Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16

• ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS

5:30 PM | Great Hall

• EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

6:30 PM | Register for Location

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17

• HYMN SING AT THE KEMPTON

2:30 PM | The Kempton

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18

• SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON

8:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

• 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

• THANKSGIVING SERVICE: LED BY OUR ST. JAMES YOUTH

5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the November 20th Digital Grapevine is Friday, November 17th.

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

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR

Sunday, November 12 | 9:10 a.m. | St. James Parish

- DISCIPLE'S CLASS: "Living Our Faith through the Help Hub at the Harrelson Center" Speaker: Sonja McFarland- Meets in the Lippitt Room - ZOOM Available
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS: Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: Meets in the Youth Room
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: This week we'll continue our introduction to the Christmas story! *Meets on the 2nd Floor of Milton Hall*

THIS AFTERNOON AT ST JAMES

- NEWCOMER CAMPUS TOUR: 11:30 AM *Meet in the Great Hall following the 10:15 a.m. service*
- IGNITE: SEEING THE DIVINE: 5:00 PM *Join our St. James Youth in the Bishop Wright Room*

UPCOMING EVENTS

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS

Final Session on November 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 communications@stjamesp.org.

HYMN SING

Friday, November 17th | 2:30 p.m. | Kempton

We're very excited to bring back one of our favorite fall traditions. You're invited to join members of the St. James Choir for Hymn Sing at the Kempton. We'll share a time of song and celebration with the residents. All voices welcome! Come and request your favorite hymn. Have questions? Please contact John Sullivan at music@stjamesp.org.

THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, November 19 | 5:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Save the date! Our St. James Youth will be leading us in a special time of thanksgiving and worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. Join us as "we gather together to ask the Lord's Blessing" and as we ponder all for which we can be thankful! Everyone is welcome...people of all ages. Let's share our Blessings and Thanksgivings!

UPCOMING OUTREACH PROJECTS

ANGEL TREE PROJECT

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 may pick up your Angel Tree tags on Sunday, 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

Thursday, November 23rd | 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 McMertry at bmmcmerty@arris.partners 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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