



THE TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 432

“O praise ye the Lord!”

Laudate Dominum

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: S280

“Glory to God in the highest”

Robert Powell

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your
glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -
ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most -
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Commentary: Joshua was Moses' right-hand man and after Moses' death, Joshua led the Israelites across the Jordan River into the Promised Land. After many wearying years and hard-fought battles, God gave His people rest from their enemies. By now Joshua was a very old man, but before he died he gathered the people together to reaffirm the covenant they had made with their God. On the basis of God's great acts for them, Joshua appealed to the people to commit themselves to Him anew. Joshua reminded the Israelites that God is holy and jealous. Commitment, then as now, involved removing all idols that turn heart and soul and mind away from the Lord.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the Lord, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the Lord and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the Lord!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the Lord, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the Lord, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The Lord our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 78 1 – 7

Attendite, popule

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



Hear my teach-ing, O my peo-ple; in-cline your ears to the words of my mouth

Psalm chant



Hear my teaching, O my / **people**; *
incline your ears to the words of my / **mouth**.
I will open my mouth in a / **parable**; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient / **times**.

ANTIPHON

That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have / **told us**, *
we will not hide from their / **children**.
We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the / **Lord**, *
and the wonderful works he has / **done**.

ANTIPHON

He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for / **Israel**, *
which he commanded them to teach their / **children**;
That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet un- / **born**; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their / **children**;

Second half of chant:

So that they might put their trust in / **God**, *
and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his com- / **mandments**;

ANTIPHON

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.

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

Sequence Hymn 627

"Lamp of our feet, whereby we trace"

Nun danket all und bringet Ehr

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:1–13

NRSV, p.905

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

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:

...Lord, in your mercy

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

American Spiritual

My Lord, what a mornin', when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the trumpet sound, to wake the nations underground,
Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the sinner cry, to wake the nations underground,
Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

You will hear the Christian shout, to wake the nations underground,
Lookin' to my God's right hand, when the stars begin to fall.

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 A

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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: S129

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Powell

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

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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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Fraction Anthem: S152

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn 324

“Let all mortal flesh keep silence”

Picardy

Hymn 61

“Sleepers, wake!”

Wachet auf

Hymn 711

“Seek ye first”

Seek Ye First

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

Closing Hymn

“Rejoice, rejoice, believers”

Greenland

1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear!
2 See that your lamps are burn - ing; re - plen - ish them with oil;
3 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;

The eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
look now for your sal - va - tion, the end of sin and toil.
a - rise, thou Sun so longed for, a - bove this dark - ened sphere!

The Bride - groom is a - ris - ing, and soon he will draw nigh;
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing, the gates wide o - pen stand;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see

up, watch in ex - pec - ta - tion! at mid - night comes the cry.
rise up, ye heirs of glo - ry, the Bride - groom is at hand!
the day of earth's re - demp - tion and ey - er be with thee!

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

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Children's Chapel: Ansley Trask

Organist & Choir Director: 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 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 McMerty at bmcmetry@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.

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!

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