



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 19 NOVEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 632

“O Christ, the Word Incarnate”

Munich

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.**

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.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Children's Anthem

Thank you God for all that grows,
 Thank you for the sky's rainbows,
 Thank you for the stars that shine,
 Thank you for these friends of mine,
 Thank you for the birds and trees,
 Thank you for my family,
 Thank you for the moon and sun,
 Thank you God for all you've done!

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

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

NRSV, p. 1079

Commentary: Because Jesus Christ could return to earth at any time, Paul exhorted the Thessalonians to be watchful, to stay alert and be ready. Paul reiterated what he had previously taught, that the day of the Lord would come as a surprise. For Christians, deliverance from divine wrath is certain because Jesus Christ died as our substitute and took all of God's wrath against our sin on Himself. This sure hope is a firm basis for mutual encouragement and edification among believers awaiting Christ's return.

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 547

"Awake, O sleeper, rise from death"

Marsh Chapel

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 25:14–30

NRSV, p.906

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

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

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I

have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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:

...Have mercy on us, O Lord,

Have 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.**

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

Kyrie eleison, ninefold

George Oldroyd

Lord have mercy upon us...
Christ have mercy upon us...
Lord have mercy upon us...

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 490

"I want to walk as a child of the light"

Houston

Hymn 655

"O Jesus, I have promised"

Nyland

Hymn 53

"Once he came in blessing"

Gottes Sohn ist kommen

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 541

"Come, labor on"

Ora Labora

The Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Children's Chapel: Gray Hodsdon
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
Charlotte S. Murchison, David R. Murchison, Jr., David R. Murchison III,
Sallie L. Harrison, and Horace H. Harrison.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 20-24

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- LIVING WELL IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or via Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- SJDS THANKSGIVING PROGRAM
11:00 AM | Great Hall
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SJDS CLOSED FOR BREAK

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY AT JIMBOS
8:00 AM | Jimbo's on College Road
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

THANKSGIVING DAY

SJDS & SJP OFFICE CLOSED

- THANKSGIVING MORNING PRAYER
8:00 AM | Zoom
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30 PM | Good Shepherd Center

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SJDS & SJP OFFICE CLOSED

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

- 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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the November 27th Digital Grapevine is Friday, November 24th.

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 19 | 9:10 a.m. | St. James Parish*

- DISCIPLE'S CLASS: "Living Into What Matters" Speaker: The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare- *Meets in the Lippitt Room - ZOOM*
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS: *Meets in the Stephen Ministry Room*
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: *Meets in the Youth Room*
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: *Meets on the 2nd Floor of Milton Hall*

THIS AFTERNOON AT ST JAMES

- THANKSGIVING SERVICE: 5:00 PM *at Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

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 EVENTS

THANKSGIVING MORNING PRAYER

Thursday, November 23, 2023 | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

Join us for a special edition of Morning Prayer as we gather to greet the day on Thanksgiving Day! Before turning into the parade, join us online as we gather in prayer to give thanks to God. Questions? Reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

ADVENT BIBLE STUDY BEGINS

Begins Nov. 29 | 11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

The Wednesday following Thanksgiving, our Wednesday Bible Study group will kick off their Advent Study. Please come as you are able.

ADVENT MORNING-MINI RETREAT: WATCHING & WAITING

Saturday, December 2 | 9:00-11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room

Join us for a mini-retreat led by Linda Murchison and Rev. Mary McKnight. Through poetry, Scripture and prayer practices, we will explore waiting and watching for Jesus to be born again in our lives, our hearts, our communities, our world. Along with Mary, the mother of Jesus, we will wait, watch, make space, ponder, and anticipate anew what the birth of Jesus means. Childcare is available with advance registration.

OLD WILMINGTON BY CANDLELIGHT

Saturday, Dec. 2, 2023 | 4:00-8:00 p.m. & Sunday, Dec. 3, 2023 | 1:00-5:00 p.m.

This December, St. James will be joining the Latimer House and other historical downtown landmarks in opening our doors to our community for a candlelight tour. If you would like to learn more about this event or join us in greeting our neighbors, please email communications@stjamesp.org.

LESSONS & CAROLS

Sunday, December 3, 2023 | 5:00 p.m.

Make plans to join us for Lessons and Carols featuring our St. James Choir! Together we'll welcome the season of Advent with song and scripture.

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. If you'd like to give more, please consider adopting additional children. 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. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty at bmcmetry@arris.partners to volunteer!

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