



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024
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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The Collect of the Day

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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that thy people, illumined by thy Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1–10

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 244

Commentary: Before his birth, Samuel was dedicated to the Lord's service (see 1 Samuel 1). From a very young age his home was with the priests at the house of the Lord, which was then located in Shiloh. At this time in Israel's history, special revelations from God were rare. Samuel, who saw clearly both physically and spiritually, contrasted with Eli, who could not see well either way. God not only called to Samuel, but also stood by him. Samuel listened to the Lord, a response worth emulating.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.'" So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from afar.

2 **You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
 and are acquainted with all my ways.**

3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
 but you, O LORD, know it altogether.

4 **You press upon me behind and before *
 and lay your hand upon me.**

5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
 it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

12 **For you yourself created my inmost parts; *
 you knit me together in my mother's womb.**

13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; *
 your works are wonderful, and I know it well.

14 **My body was not hidden from you, *
 while I was being made in secret
 and woven in the depths of the earth.**

15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
 all of them were written in your book; *
 they were fashioned day by day,
 when as yet there was none of them.

16 **How deep I find your thoughts, O God! *
 how great is the sum of them!**

17 If I were to count them, they would be more
 in number than the sand; *
 to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Holy Gospel: John 1:43–51

NRSV, p.969

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, "Follow me." Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth." Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see." When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, "Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!" Nathanael asked him, "Where did you get to know me?" Jesus answered, "I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you." Nathanael replied, "Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!" Jesus answered, "Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these." And he said to him, "Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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Closing Hymn 488

"Be thou my vision"

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1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart, what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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Organist: John Sullivan

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Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JANUARY 15-19

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 15

MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

SJP OFFICE & SJDS CLOSED

- MORNING PRAYER: MLK EDITION
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | The Brainard Home
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

- SJDS REGISTRATION OPENS FOR COMMUNITY AT LARGE- ALL DAY
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 a.m. - Registration Required
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 p.m. | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
8:30 - 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- THE ARTS & THE BIBLE
11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL - CONTINUING ED
5:00 PM - Lippitt Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Required
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:10 AM | Great Hall
- FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- IGNITE! YOUTH GATHERING
15:00-6:30 PM | Perry Hall

AN EVENING WITH WESTMINSTER ABBEY

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES

Monday, February 5 | 7:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

St. James Episcopal Church in downtown Wilmington is thrilled to announce our first speaker event of 2024. On Monday, February 5, 2024, the St. James Speaker Series has invited The Rev. Dr. James Hawkey, Canon Theologian of Westminster Abbey, and Mr. Martin Castledine, Dean's Verger of Westminster Abbey, to share with us their experiences as clergy and staff of the royal church.

Founded as a mission parish of the Church of England in 1729, St. James offers "An Evening with Westminster Abbey" as a precursor to our 300th anniversary in November of 2029. We invite the community to come and join us on Monday, February 5, at 7:00 p.m. at St. James Parish for this special presentation. A brief time of Q&A in the sanctuary and a reception will follow. This event is free to our community.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Number of Pledges: 340

Total Pledge amount: \$1,463,615

It's not too late to pledge to support St. James Parish in 2024. Visit our website or call the church office to participate.

stjamesp.org/pledge/



Goal: 350 Pledges | 92.3% Complete

UPCOMING EVENTS

JOIN US ON WEDNESDAYS: CREATIVE CONNECTIONS - THE ARTS & THE BIBLE

Beginning January 17 | Drop-in - 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. | Bible Study - 11:00 - 12:00 p.m. | Stephen Ministry Room

Join us for our New Drop-in Community Building Opportunity & Epiphany Bible Study! At 11:00AM, our regular Wednesday Bible Study will meet in the Stephen Ministry Room (above the Great Hall). During Epiphany, we will study The Bible and the Arts. Together, we will take a look at the tabernacle and meet Bezalel and Oholiab, the artisans God called to build it. Other sessions will focus on how musical, literary, and dramatic arts play a large role in Scripture. Contact the Rev Cheryl Brainard (cheryl@stjamesp.org) with any questions, interest or to order a booklet.

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, January 28 | Following 9:00 a.m. service | St. James Parish

Our Annual Meeting is set for January 28th following a combined 9:00 a.m. service on Sunday Morning. All ages are invited to attend this meeting. Those who have been confirmed or received as members of St. James are especially encouraged to attend to participate in voting. During this meeting we will elect a new Vestry slate, and share information regarding plans for 2024, the budget, and what to expect as we move forward together. Please keep an eye out for more information about a special outreach project and activity for our parish children during the Annual Meeting.

PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING

Returning February 1, 2024

Are you interested in deepening your faith? Learning more about the Episcopal Church? Or even discovering the meaning and purpose behind what we say and do in worship? If so, then Praying Shapes Believing is for you! Praying Shapes Believing (PSB) serves as a course for all adults who want to be baptized, confirmed, received, or reaffirmed in the Episcopal Church in May 2024. It is also open to anyone, parishioners or newcomers, who are seeking to discover and learn more. PSB begins Thursday, February 1, 2024, 6:00-7:15 p.m. in the Lippitt Room. This seven-week series will guide you through the history and traditions of our faith and our church. It shows us what it means—in the words of our Presiding Bishop, Michael Curry—to be a part of the "Episcopal branch of the Jesus movement." During this class, you will be invited to read through Walk in Love: Episcopal Beliefs & Practices. You can expect each session to begin with prayer and icebreaker questions, to hear and learn from clergy on relevant topics, and, in so doing, get to know others within the St. James community—longtime members and newcomers alike. We invite you to come as you are—comfortable! We'll have some light refreshments. If you have any questions, want to register, or need a copy of the book, please contact the Rev. Gray Hodsdon at gray@stjamesp.org.

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