



THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 14 JANUARY 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 48

“O day of radiant gladness”

Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

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.**

Song of Praise

“Praise the Lord”

Nettleton

1 Praise the Lord! ye heavens a - dore him; praise him an - gels in the height;
2 Praise the Lord! for he is glo - rious; nev - er shall his pro-mise fail;

sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, all ye stars of light.
God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.

Praise the Lord! for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, his power pro - claim;

laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he hath made.
heaven and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his Name.

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 God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your 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 Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

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.

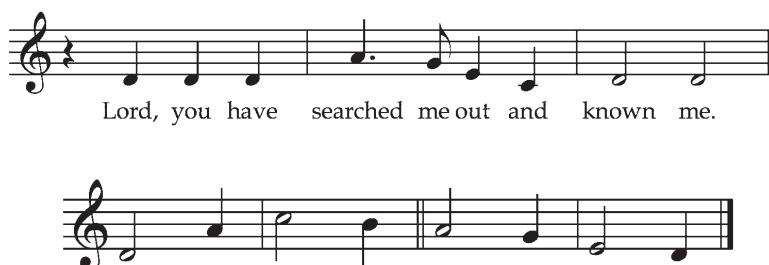
Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down 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."

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1–5, 12–17

Domine, probasti

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



LORD, you have searched me out and / **known me; ***
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from a-/far.
You trace my journeys and my / **resting-places ***
and are acquainted with all my / **ways.**

ANTIPHON

Indeed, there is not a word on my / **lips, ***
but you, O LORD, know it alto-/gether.
You press upon me behind and be-/fore *
and lay your hand up-/on me.

Second half of chant:

Such knowledge is too / **wonderful for me; ***
it is so high that I cannot at-/tain to it.

ANTIPHON

For you yourself created my inmost / **parts; ***
you knit me together in my mother's / **womb.**
I will thank you because I am marvelously / **made; ***
your works are wonderful, and I know it / **well.**

ANTIPHON

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

ANTIPHON

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

ANTIPHON

Commentary: Some members of the Corinthian church viewed freedom in Christ as license to do whatever they wanted, so Paul emphasized the sanctity of the believer's body as the temple of the Holy Spirit. Paul urged his readers to consider whether their actions were beneficial or potentially harmful to themselves or others. The body is rightly used for God's glory. Believers are united to Christ, consequently it is a very serious matter to give to a prostitute what God has joined to His Son. Paul pointed out that sexual immorality is wrong because it involves sinning against one's body, which belongs to the Lord. It was purchased with a great price, the blood of Jesus Christ.

"All things are lawful for me," but not all things are beneficial. "All things are lawful for me," but I will not be dominated by anything. "Food is meant for the stomach and the stomach for food," and God will destroy both one and the other. The body is meant not for fornication but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? Should I therefore take the members of Christ and make them members of a prostitute? Never! Do you not know that whoever is united to a prostitute becomes one body with her? For it is said, "The two shall be one flesh." But anyone united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun fornication! Every sin that a person commits is outside the body; but the fornicator sins against the body itself. Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

During the Sequence Hymn, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

Sequence Hymn 488

"Be thou my vision"

Slane

The Holy Gospel: John 1:43–51

NRSV, p.969

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 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:

...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

Jesu dulcis memoria, plainsong, Mode 2
arr. J. Sullivan

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts, the fount of life and our true light,
we seek the peace your love imparts, and stand rejoicing in your sight.
We taste in you our living bread, and long to feast upon you still;
we drink of you, the fountainhead, our thirsting souls to quench and fill.
For you our restless spirits yearn where'er our changing lot is cast;
Glad, when your presence we discern, blest, when our faith can hold you fast.
O Jesus, ever with us stay; make all our moments calm and bright;
Oh, chase the night of sin away, shed o'er the world your holy light.

*~ text attributed to St. Bernard of Clairvaux;
translated/paraphrased by Ray Palmer*

Presentation Hymn

Stuttgart



God, my King, thy might con - fess - ing, ev - er will I bless thy name;
All thy works, O Lord, shall bless thee: thee shall all thy saints a - dore:
day by day thy throne ad - dress - ing, still will I thy praise pro - claim.
King su - preme shall they con - fess thee, and pro - claim thy sov - ̄reign power.

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.

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

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Deutsche Messe

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might, Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 power and might, hea-ven and earth are full, full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na
 in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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 Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia

The Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn

“As we gather at your table”

Raquel



1 As we gath - er at your Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word,
 2 Turn our wor - ship in - to wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life;
 3 Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast

help us know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be stirred.
 send us forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is strife.
 where tri - um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and least.

Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we claim it as our own;
 Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for - give as you for - gave;
 There no more will en - vy blind us nor will pride our peace des - troy,

teach us through this ho - ly ban - quet how to make Love's vic - tory known.
 may we still be - hold your im - age in the world you died to save.
 as we join with saints and an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

Hymn 707

“Take my life, and let it be”

Hollingside

Hymn

“I, the Lord of sea and sky”

Daniel Schutte

I, the Lord of sea and sky,
 I have heard my people cry.
 All who dwell in dark and sin
 My hand will save.
 I who made the stars of night,
 I will make their darkness bright.
 Who will bear my light to them?
 Whom shall I send?
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
 I have borne my people's pain.
 I have wept for love of them.
 They turn away.
 I will break their hearts of stone,
 Give them hearts for love alone.
 I will speak my word to them,
 Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
 I will tend the poor and lame.
 I will set a feast for them.
 My hand will save.
 Finest bread I will provide
 Till their hearts be satisfied.
 I will give my life to them.
 Whom shall I send? *Refrain*

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 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones”

Lasst uns erfreuen

The Dismissal

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

Postlude



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

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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the January 22nd Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, January 19th.

The deadline for the February Grapevine Magazine is January 20th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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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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