



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 21 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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Kyrie

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The Collect of the Day

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Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and all the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Jonah 3:1–5, 10

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 845

Commentary: Jonah was a reluctant prophet who initially ran from God's command to preach repentance in Nineveh. As a result, Jonah spent three miserable days and nights inside a great fish. After that ordeal, when God gave Jonah a second chance, he was ready and willing to obey. Nineveh was a large city and it took several days for Jonah's message to reach everyone. Jonah prophesied impending judgment and his proclamation moved the Ninevites to humble themselves and seek divine mercy. God saw that the Ninevites' repentance was genuine and withheld the judgment that would have befallen them had they persisted in their wickedness.

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:6–14

read responsively by whole verse

Nonne Deo?

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

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

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers available upon request

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

1 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 2 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 3 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring
 4 Christ for the world we sing! The world to Christ we bring

with lov - ing zeal; the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and
 with fer - vent prayer; the way - ward and the lost, by rest - less
 with one ac - cord; with us the work to share, with us re -
 with joy - ful song; the new - born souls, whose days, re - claimed from

o - ver - borne, sin - sick and sor - row - worn, whom Christ doth heal.
 pas - sions tossed, re - deemed at count - less cost from dark de - spair.
 proach to dare, with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.
 er - ror's ways, in - spired with hope and praise, to Christ be - long.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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Organist: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of
 Julie Wenberg Godley, Robert Baird Godley, and Ashton Little Godley,
 &*

Margaret Elizabeth Lewis Williams

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JANUARY 22-26

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 22

- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JANUARY 23

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 a.m. - Registration Required

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 24

- 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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 25

- YOUTH SKI TRIP BEGINS
All Day | Winterplace
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 p.m. | Good Shepherd Center
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Required
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26

- YOUTH SKI TRIP
All Day | Winterplace

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27

- YOUTH SKI TRIP
All Day | Winterplace

SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

- YOUTH SKI TRIP
All Day | Winterplace
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- ANNUAL MEETING
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online

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: 342

Total Pledge amount: \$1,466,135

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 | 97.7% Complete

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Beginning January 24 | 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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