



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

SUNDAY 21 JANUARY 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 375

“Give praise and glory unto God”

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

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.

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 the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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 62:8–14

Nonne Deo?

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



For God alone my soul in silence / **waits**; *
 truly, my hope is in / **him**.
 He alone is my rock and my sal-/vation, *
 my stronghold, so that I shall not be / **shaken**.

Psalm chant:



ANTIPHON

In God is my safety and my / **honor**; *
 God is my strong rock and my / **refuge**.
 Put your trust in him always, O / **people**, *
 pour out your hearts before him,
 for God is our / **refuge**.

Put no trust in extortion;
 in robbery take no empty / **pride**; *
 though wealth increase, set not your heart up-/on it.
 God has spoken once, twice have I / **heard it**, *
 that power belongs to / **God**.

ANTIPHON

Those of high degree are but a fleeting / **breath**, *
 even those of low estate cannot be / **trusted**.
 On the scales they are lighter than a / **breath**, *
 all of them to-/gether.

Second half of chant:

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

ANTIPHON

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

NRSV, p. 1044

Commentary: In the portion of 1 Corinthians from which this passage is taken, Paul was answering questions and addressing topics of concern to the Corinthian church. In these verses, Paul advised his readers to reexamine their relationship to the world because the world, in its present form, is passing away. Time on earth is limited so believers are wise to live with an eternal perspective. Whether single or married, Christ's followers should not be completely engrossed by the things of this world. Paul reminded the Corinthians, and us, that the world is not our home, we are just passing through:

"I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:14–20

NRSV, p.912

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

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

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 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:*...O Christ, **hear us.****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 "Lead gently, Lord"

Clif Cason

Lead gently, Lord, and slow,
For oh, my steps are weak,
And ever as I go,
Some soothing sentence speak;
That I may turn my face
Through doubt's obscurity
toward thine abiding-place,
E'en tho' I cannot see.
For lo, the way is dark;
Through mist and cloud I grope,
Save for that fitful spark,
The little flame of hope.

Lead gently, Lord, and slow,
For fear that I may fall;
I know not where to go
Unless I hear thy call.
My fainting soul doth yearn
For thy green hills afar;
So let thy mercy burn-
My greater, guiding star!

~ Paul Laurence Dunbar

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 - ereign power.

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.

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 Breaking of the Bread

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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 306	“Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest”	<i>Sursum Corda</i>
Hymn 661	“They cast their nets in Galilee”	<i>Georgetown</i>
Hymn 549	“Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult”	<i>St. Andrew</i>

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 537	“Christ for the world we sing!”	<i>Moscow</i>
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The Dismissal

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

Postlude



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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the January 29th Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, January 26th.
The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is February 23rd. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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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