



THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 18 FEBRUARY 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 blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted of Satan: Make speed to help thy servants who are assaulted by manifold temptations; and, as thou knowest their several infirmities, let each one find thee mighty to save; through Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Genesis 9:8–17

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 7

Commentary: God made two types of covenants with His people. One type was conditional, where God said "If you do 'A', then I will do 'B'". The second type was unconditional, meaning God will do as He promised regardless of human response. The second type of covenant was made by God with Noah. This covenant is not only unconditional, it is universal and everlasting. The sign God appointed as a reminder of His promise was the rainbow. Because a rainbow tends to appear after the storm has passed, it is a symbol of peace.

God said to Noah and to his sons with him, "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth." God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth." God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
let me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.

**2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.**

3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.

**4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.**

5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.

**6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love
and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.**

7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

**8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.**

9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9–15

NRSV, p. 912

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

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now 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.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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The Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.
The people kneel

Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness and put their whole trust in your strength, so that they may rejoice for ever in the protection of your loving providence; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 150

“Forty days and forty nights” vv 1-2, 4-5

Aus der Tiefe rufe ich



1 For - ty days and for - ty nights thou wast fast - ing in the wild;
2 Should not we thy sor - row share and from world - ly joys ab - stain,
4 So shall we have peace di - vine: ho - lier glad - ness ours shall be;
5 Keep, O keep us, Sa - vior dear, ev - er con - stant by thy side;

for - ty days and for - ty nights tempt - ed, and yet un - de - filed.
fast - ing with un - ceas - ing prayer, strong with thee to suf - fer pain?
round us, too, shall an - gels shine, such as min - is - tered to thee.
that with thee we may ap - pear at the e - ter - nal Eas - ter - tide.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. ~ Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon ~ Organist: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Joseph Ward Hooper
Louise Smallbones Hooper, Joseph Ward Hooper Jr., and Margaret Hooper Turner, Terry Forrest Turner*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., FEBRUARY 19-23

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

PRESIDENTS DAY - SJJ OFFICE & SJDS CLOSED

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 a.m. - Registration Required
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVE AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
9:00-11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:
ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS
11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom

WEDNESDAY, CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:30 PM | Children's Chapel
- WILL YOU? LENTEN STUDY OF OUR
BAPTISMAL PROMISES
5:30 PM | Lippitt Room
- LENTEN DINNER
6:15 - 7:00 PM | Great Hall

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVE AT
SGT. ASHLEY CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center
- PRAYING SHAPES BELIEVING
5:30 p.m. | Lippitt Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Required
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY
BUILD #2 OPPORTUNITIES
All Day | Register Online

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 25

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:10 AM | Great Hall
- PARISH SHOP OPENS
8:45 - 10:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:05 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- IGNITE! YOUTH GATHERING
5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: UNITY BUILD OPPORTUNITIES

Saturdays through March 16th

The Habitat for Humanity Unity Build is underway with dates to serve in February, and March up online now! This build has plenty of opportunities to get involved.

- February 24th – Roof Sheathing
- March 2nd – Miscellaneous Framing
- March 9th – Vinyl Prep
- March 16th – Vinyl Siding

These dates also have opportunity for lunch donations! To learn more about how to get involved, please visit: stjamesp.org/habitat24

Anyone 16 years old or older is welcome to participate. There are opportunities for all skill levels and abilities - no construction talent is needed.

VBS 2024: REGISTRATION IS ON THE WAY

August 5th - 8th | Registration Opens on March 4, 2024

VBS returns August 5th-August 8th. Mark your calendars now and stay tuned for announcements about this year's theme! As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities. Look for our email with registration and volunteer information on **March 4th**.

SAVE THE DATE: LENTEN MINI-RETREAT

Saturday, March 9, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | Lippitt Room

The season of Lent is a time for introspection and self-reflection. It is an invitation to consider the traditional Lenten practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. You are invited to a morning of centering and prayer during a mini retreat on Saturday, March 9, from 9:00-11:30. Through Scripture, poetry and prayer, we will spend an unhurried morning together as we consider what the ancient practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving might mean for us on our faith journey, in our busy lives, in a world full of uncertainty and change. We will meet in the Lippitt Room. This mini retreat will be led by Linda Murchison. Childcare is available with advance registration online. Questions, please email Linda, lindamurchison65@gmail.com.

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL HIKING RETREAT

October 4-6, 2024 | Kanuga - Registration Deadline: April 1, 2024

Women of Saint James, if you enjoy hikes in the mountains and would like to join a retreat focused on a healthy body and spirit, please consider the fall women's hiking retreat. We will hike 4-8 miles (short and long options) on Saturday and have shorter hikes on Friday afternoon and/or Sunday morning. There will be a short program each evening. Please email Hannah Brownlow (hannabrownlow@msn.com) or Linda Murchison (lindamurchison65@gmail.com) if you have questions. Registration is online through the St. James website. Space is limited.

LENT AT ST. JAMES

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Begins Wednesday, February 21 | 11:00 AM |

Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom

Bring your Bible and join us as we examine Jesus' encounters and conversations with 5 very different people and the effect the encounters had on their lives. Each of these people has something to teach us as once again we make our Lenten journey. Every session is stand-alone and handouts will be available.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Children's Chapel

Rehearsals will be on Wednesdays in the late afternoon. This year we'll offer a faith formation opportunity alongside the choir practice. **The children's choir will sing on Palm Sunday.**

WILL YOU? LENTEN STUDY ON OUR BAPTISMAL PROMISES

Wednesdays | 5:30-6:15 p.m. | Lippitt Room

Adults and youth are invited to join us for a combined time of study during this Lenten season. Our clergy will lead this offering.

LENTEN DINNERS

Feb. 21 - Mar. 20 | 6:15-7:00 p.m. | Great Hall

We invite you all to save your Wednesday nights for dinner and fellowship. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. RSVP Online.

LIVING WELL DURING LENT

Available for download online.

The season of Lent is here. We invite you to join us in engaging with the season. Copies of the Living Well in Lent devotional are limited in supply. If you'd like, you are also welcome to join us with the digital version. Use the QR Code to be taken to the page on the Forward Motion website.



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