



THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 25 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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Kyrie

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from thy ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of thy Word, Jesus Christ thy Son; who with thee and the Holy Spirit liveth and reigneth, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Genesis 17:1–7, 15–16

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 12

Commentary: Commentary: In these verses, God reaffirmed His covenant with Abram by reiterating the promises of descendants, blessing and land. Also, by changing their names, God gave added assurance to Abram and Sarai that they would have many offspring. Abram meant 'high or exalted father'; Abraham means 'father of a multitude'. Sarai meant 'princess', but Sarah means 'royal princess', from whom kings would come. Abraham's name emphasized the number of his descendants while Sarah's emphasized the royal heritage and nature of their line.

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous." Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 22:22–30

read responsively by whole verse

Deus, Deus meus

22 Praise the LORD, you that fear him; *
stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel;
all you of Jacob's line, give glory.

23 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty;
neither does he hide his face from them; *
but when they cry to him he hears them.

- 24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; ***
I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.
- 25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied,
 and those who seek the Lord shall praise him: *
 “May your heart live for ever!”
- 26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, ***
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.
- 27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; *
 he rules over the nations.
- 28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; ***
all who go down to the dust fall before him.
- 29 My soul shall live for him;
 my descendants shall serve him; *
 they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.
- 30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn ***
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:31–38

NRSV, p. 921

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy, **Renew us.**

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Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Prayer of Humble Access

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The Blessing

Celebrant Bow down before the Lord.*The people kneel*

Keep this your family, Lord, with your never-failing mercy, that relying solely on the help of your heavenly grace, they may be upheld by your divine protection; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 691

“My faith looks up to thee”

Olivet


1 My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
 2 May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
 3 While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,

Sa - vior di - vine! Now hear me while I pray, take all my
 my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
 be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day; wipe sor - row's

guilt a - way; O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
 love to thee pure, warm and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
 tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.

The Dismissal

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

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Thomas Henry Wright, Eleanor Gilchrist Wright; Thomas Henry Wright Jr., Elizabeth Labouisse Wright;
 Sally Cameron Labouisse, John Witherspoon Labouisse*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., FEB. 26 - MAR. 1

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

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

- 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
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

WEDNESDAY, CONTINUED

- CHILDREN'S CHOIR & BIBLE TIME
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 29

- 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, MARCH 1

- SJDS CLOSED - TEACHER WORKDAY
- HAPPENING #80 | ALL WEEKEND

SATURDAY, MARCH 2

- HAPPENING #80 | ALL WEEKEND
- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY
BUILD #2 OPPORTUNITIES
All Day | Register Online

SUNDAY, MARCH 3

- HAPPENING #80 | ALL WEEKEND
- 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

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.

- 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.

EASTER LILIES & MUSIC

Submit Names Through March 24th.

Honor someone special with Easter Lilies or Music this spring. Remember someone special this Easter by donating \$25 for Easter Lilies or music! Please complete the online form or call the church office to submit your names. It is one dedication per \$25 Donation, this form will need to be completed for each separate donation to help ensure we honor your requested person(s) correctly in the bulletin. Bulletin printing deadline is Sunday, March 24th. We'll continue to accept donations after that time however, the names may not appear in the bulletin. If you have any questions about the submission process or would like a physical name submission form, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

WEDNESDAYS DURING LENT

Wednesdays through March 20

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY

7:00 AM | S. 16th St. Starbucks

Join our St. James Youth for a time of Bible Study and genuine exploration of faith.

MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM | Zoom

Log in and pray with us! Come share your prayer requests and your celebrations.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room

Bring your crafts, sewing, and other projects to this time of fellowship and creation.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

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. Every session is stand-alone and handouts will be available.

HOLY EUCHARIST

12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

Come participate in Holy Eucharist.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR & BIBLE TIME

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

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

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

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.

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