



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY 10 MARCH 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	p. 323
Kyrie	p. 324
The Collect of the Day	p. 167

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which giveth life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

The Lesson: Ephesians 2:1–10 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1066

Commentary: In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul apparently hoped to expand his readers' understanding of God's eternal purpose and high goals for His church. Paul contrasted the condition of the unbeliever with that of the believer. God, the subject of this passage, makes all the difference. God has made believers alive, raised them up and seated them with Christ. Salvation comes to us by grace, it is a gift received through faith. God created us in Christ Jesus and has given us work to do. Good works are not the root from which salvation grows, but the fruit God intends it to bear.

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 107:1–3, 17–22

read responsively by whole verse

Confitemini Domino

1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.

17 **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; *
they were afflicted because of their sins.**

18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.

19 **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, *
and he delivered them from their distress.**

20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.

21 **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy *
and the wonders he does for his children.**

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14–21

NRSV, p. 970

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

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:

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

Confession of Sin

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers available upon request

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

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The Blessing

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

Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those whom you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voice,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
 who wondrous things has done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
 who from our mothers' arms has blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore;
 with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ever more.

The Dismissal

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MARCH 11-15

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

MONDAY, MARCH 11

- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 - 7:00 PM | Graham Parlor

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM. - Registration Required
- COHI CONTINUING EDUCATION
5:00 - 6:00 PM | Stephen Ministry Room

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

- 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, MARCH 14

- EVANGELISM COMMISSION MEETING
11:00 AM | Tatum Parlor
- 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 15

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

- 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! EASTER BASKET BUILDING
5:00 PM | Youth Room

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Organist: John Sullivan*

*Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
St. Mary's, Burgaw: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. and Mrs. Charles P. Graham.*

UPCOMING EVENTS

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: UNITY BUILD OPPORTUNITIES

Saturdays through March 16th

The Habitat for Humanity Unity Build is underway with only a couple more dates to serve in March up online now!

- 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.

EASTER EGG DONATIONS

Due March 24th!

Plans are in the works for an Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Day! We need your help preparing. All are invited (especially families planning to participate in the hunt) to donate 12 stuffed eggs for the hunt. The box will be in the Day School Lobby. Volunteers are also needed to help stuff extra eggs and set up the hunting grounds. On Easter Day, we will celebrate with a special family activity! St. James Children's Ministry is hosting an Easter Egg Hunt following the 9:00 a.m. service on Easter Day at around 10:15 a.m. Please plan to bring your own basket.

MEN ON A MISSION: GLORY RIDGE

April 25 - 28, 2024 | Departure: Thursday, 10:00 AM | Return: Sunday, 4:00 PM

This April, the St. James Men on a Mission will travel to Marshall, NC to get Glory Ridge ready for summer 2024. They will also as make some light construction improvements on behalf of the folks in the very impoverished surrounding area. They plan to send a team of 20 MoM members and male adult guests who are ready to serve in this way. No construction skills are needed, but you will need to be able to navigate the uneven paths and terrain of the camp. A \$100 per registrant fee will help cover the costs of food, lodging in the cabins, and transportation. Visit the MoM Page on the St. James website to learn more, donate, or register! stjamesp.org/mom-gr24

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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