



THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

SUNDAY 10 MARCH 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins;
People **His mercy endures for ever.**

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

“Holy God, Holy and Mighty”

Trisagion

Ho - ly God, Ho - ly and Might - y,
Ho - ly Im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy up - on us.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Commentary: Israel traveled toward the Red Sea in order to avoid the possibility of conflict with Edom, but this route took them into a terrible desert region, which caused the people to grumble not only against Moses, but against God. The serpents God sent to discipline the people were venomous, inflicting a painful and often fatal bite. God's discipline moved the Israelites to confess their sin and request Moses' intercession. Instead of immediately removing the snakes, God commanded Moses to make a bronze serpent and lift it up on a pole. The serpent on the pole was not a magical cure for snakebite, it was a sign that worked when people believed God and acted on that belief by looking at the sign. Trust in God's promise of salvation brought healing to the Israelites. Jesus Christ, lifted on the cross, made salvation possible for the whole world.

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

The Word of the Lord.

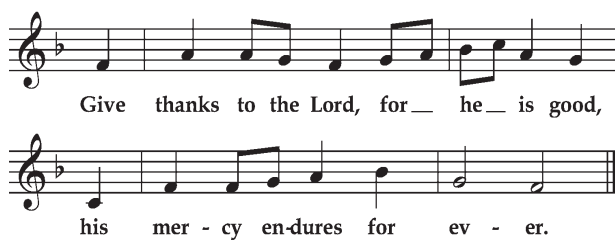
People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 107: 1–3, 17–22

Confitemini Domino

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



Give thanks to the Lord, for he is / **good**, *
and his mercy endures for / **ever**.
Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed pro-/**claim** *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the / **foe**.

ANTIPHON

He gathered them out of the / **lands**; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the / **south**.
Some were fools and took to rebellious / **ways**; *
they were afflicted because of their / **sins**.

ANTIPHON

They abhorred all manner of / **food** *
and drew near to death's / **door**.
Then they cried to the Lord in their / **trouble**, *
and he delivered them from their dis-/**tress**.

ANTIPHON

He sent forth his word and / **healed them** *
and saved them from the / **grave**.
Let them give thanks to the Lord for his / **mercy** *
and the wonders he does for his / **children**.

Second half of chant:

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

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: Ephesians 2:1–10

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.

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

Sequence Hymn 467 “Sing, my soul, his wondrous love” *St. Bees*
During the Sequence Hymn, the children leave for Children's Chapel

The Holy Gospel: John 3:14–21 *NRSV*, p. 970

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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 to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

The Nicene Creed p. 358
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:
...Lord, in your mercy, **Renew us.**

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

John Goss

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through him might be saved. Amen.

~ John 3:16-17

Presentation Hymn 143

“The glory of these forty days” *vv. 1 & 5*

Erhalt uns, Herr

The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e - brate with songs of praise;
O Fa - ther, Son, and Spi - rit blest, to thee be ev - ery prayer ad - dressed,
for Christ, through whom all things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
who art in three - fold Name a - dored, from age to age, the on - ly Lord.

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

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.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

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 S-124

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

David Hurd

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, hea-ven and earth are
full of your glo-ry. 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.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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 sing,

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Fa-ther, who art in hea-ven, hal-low-ed be thy Name, thy king-dom come,
thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea-ven. Give us this day our dai-ly bread.
And for-give us our tres-pas-ses, as we for-give those who tres-pass a-gainst us.
And lead us not in-to temp-ta-tion, but de-liv-er us from e-vil.
For thine is the king-dom, and the power, and the glo-ry, for ev-er and ev-er. A-men.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Celebrant Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

Fraction Anthem: S-161 "Lamb of God"

Hurd

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world: grant _____ us peace.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 323	"Bread of heaven, on thee we feed"	<i>Jesu, Jesu, du mein Hirt</i>
Hymn 337	"And now, O Father, mindful of the love"	<i>Unde et memores</i>
Hymn 706	"In your mercy, Lord, you called me"	<i>Halton Holgate</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
 we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
 of the most precious Body and Blood
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
 and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
 that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
 and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
 to do the work you have given us to do,
 to love and serve you
 as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
 To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

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.**

Closing Hymn 657 "Love divine, all loves excelling"

Hyfrydol

The Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



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

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

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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the March 18th Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, March 15th.
 The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is March 25th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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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.