



THE FIFTH SUNDAY  
IN LENT  
SUNDAY 17 MARCH 2024  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

**Prelude**

**Processional Hymn 495**

“Hail, thou once despised Jesus!”

*In Babilone*

**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.

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Commentary: Jeremiah is known as the 'weeping prophet'. Not only did he convey God's warnings of coming judgment to the Israelites, Jeremiah also recorded his own sorrowful emotions regarding the punishment the people were bringing on themselves by their idolatry and indifference to God's law. On the other hand, Jeremiah prophesied future restoration for Israel, as these verses show. God promised to make a new covenant with His people and it would be written on their hearts, it would become part of their nature. In that day, true knowledge of the Lord will be shared by all the people, from the least to the greatest.*

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1–13

Miserere mei, Deus

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



Psalm chant:



Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-/**kindness**; \*  
 in your great compassion blot out my of-/**fenses**.  
 Wash me through and through from my / **wickedness** \*  
 and cleanse me from my / **sin**.

**ANTIPHON**

For I know my trans-/**gressions**, \*  
 and my sin is ever be-/**fore me**.  
 Against you only have I / **sinned** \*  
 and done what is evil in your / **sight**.

**ANTIPHON**

And so you are justified when you / **speak** \*  
 and upright in your / **judgment**.  
 Indeed, I have been wicked from my / **birth**, \*  
 a sinner from my mother's / **womb**.

**ANTIPHON**

For behold, you look for truth deep with-/**in me**, \*  
 and will make me understand wisdom / **secretly**.  
 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be / **pure**; \*  
 wash me, and I shall be clean in-/**deed**.

**ANTIPHON**

Make me hear of joy and / **gladness**, \*  
 that the body you have broken may re-/**joice**.  
 Hide your face from my / **sins** \*  
 and blot out all my in-/**iquities**.

**ANTIPHON**

Cast me not away from your / **presence** \*  
 and take not your holy Spirit / **from me**.  
 Give me the joy of your saving help a- / **gain** \*  
 and sustain me with your bountiful / **Spirit**.

**ANTIPHON**

The Epistle: Hebrews 5:5–10

NRSV, p. 1093

*Commentary: The author of Hebrews explored the concept of Jesus as a faithful and merciful high priest in the service of God. The same God who appointed Jesus as His Son also appointed Him as high priest forever. Melchizedek was the first priest mentioned in the Bible (see Genesis 14:18) and as the archetype of all priesthood, validates Jesus' priesthood as different from, and superior to, the Levitical priesthood. God heard and answered Jesus' prayers; the evidence was Jesus' resurrection. As He suffered, Jesus gained experiential knowledge of what it meant to be human. In this way, Jesus was perfected as our Great High Priest.*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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

### Sequence Hymn 455

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

*Dunedin*

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

### The Holy Gospel: John 12:20–33

*NRSV*, p. 982

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

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

*People*           The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

### 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:*

...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**

Ebenezer Prout

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit. Then will I teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.

~ Psalm 51:10-13

**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.**

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 457	"Thou art thee way, to thee alone"	<i>St. James</i>
Hymn 699	"Jesus, Lover of my soul"	<i>Aberystwyth</i>
Hymn 603	"When Christ was lifted from the earth"	<i>St. Botolph</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 with compassion, O Lord, upon this your people; that, rightly observing this holy season, they may learn to know you more fully, and to serve you with a more perfect will; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Closing Hymn 473** "Lift high the cross"

*Crucifer*

**The Dismissal**

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

**Postlude**



*Celebrant & Children's Chapel: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
 Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
 St. Mary's, Burgaw: 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  
 Martha Patterson Kidder, George Everard Kidder and Pat Kidder Crittenden.*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., MARCH 18-22

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

### MONDAY, MARCH 18

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 - 6:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

### TUESDAY, MARCH 19

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

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS  
9:00-11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room

### WEDNESDAY, CONTINUED

- LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:  
ENCOUNTERS WITH JESUS  
11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- 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 21

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Required
- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 PM | Choir Room

### FRIDAY, MARCH 22

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, MARCH 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SUNDAY, MARCH 24

#### **PALM SUNDAY**

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
9:15 - 10:05 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- GUARDIAN ANGEL CELEBRATION  
5:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the March 25<sup>th</sup> Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
 The deadline for the March Grapevine Magazine is March 25<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **TONIGHT: EVENSONG AT ST. MARY'S BURGAW**

*Sunday, March 17 | 5:00 p.m. | St. Mary's in Burgaw*

Join the St. James Choir as we gather for a special Evensong with our friends at St. Mary's in Burgaw (506 S. McNeil St. Burgaw). Members of the choir should plan to arrive early for a practice session before the 5:00 p.m. service.

## **TONIGHT: IGNITE! BUILDING EASTER BASKETS**

*Sunday, March 17 | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Room*

Last week, our youth shopped for the goodies to fill Easter Baskets for the children of migrant farmworkers and the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry. This week, all are invited to join us in the Youth Room for a special evening of preparing the baskets for delivery. Help us make some kids smile. Questions? Contact Cookie Cantwell [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org).

## **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](http://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](mailto: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.