



# THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT SUNDAY 17 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

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#### Kyrie

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#### The Collect of the Day

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O Almighty God, who alone canst order the unruly wills and affections of sinful men: Grant unto thy people that they may love the thing which thou commandest, and desire that which thou dost promise; that so, among the sundry and manifold changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

#### The Lesson: Jeremiah 31:31–34

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 721

*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

*read responsively by whole verse*

*Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy on me, O God,  
according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 **Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.

4 **Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.

6 **Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

### **The Holy Gospel: John 12:20–33**

*NRSV*, p. 982

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

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 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.**

### **Confession of Sin**

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### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **THE HOLY COMMUNION**

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### **Prayer of Humble Access**

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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 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.**

*Refrain*

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim  
 till all the world a - dore his sa - cred Name.

1 Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,  
 2 Each new - born ser - vant of the Cru - ci - fied  
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,  
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

the hosts of God in con - quering ranks com - bine.  
 bears on the brow the seal of him who died.  
 as thou hast prom - ised, draw the world to thee.  
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

The Dismissal

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



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
 St. Mary’s, Burgaw: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*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  
 Martha Patterson Kidder, George Everard Kidder and Pat Kidder Crittenden.*

# 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.

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