



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 5 MAY 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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Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, who hast prepared for those who love thee such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward thee, that we, loving thee in all things and above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 John 5:1–6

NRSV, p. 1114

Commentary: John writes that a Christian is defined by faith in Jesus Christ, not by lifestyle, good works or any other criteria. Although we may have little in common with some Christians, we can love them as members of the same family. Loving other Christians means doing what is best for them, and we love other Christians best when we obey God. God's commands are not oppressive because the Holy Spirit enables our obedience. Jesus is our example of perfect obedience to God and love for neighbor. The totality of Jesus' ministry is symbolically encompassed by the water of His baptism and His blood shed on the cross.

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98

read responsively by whole verse

Cantate Domino

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 **With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.**
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he
openly shown in the sight of the nations.
- 4 **He remembers his mercy and faithfulness
to the house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God.**
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

- 6 **Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.**
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 **Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.**
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 **In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, “As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rt. Reverend Robert S. Skirving

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Prayer of Humble Access

in unison

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers available upon request

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

in unison

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! sing to Je - sus! his the scep - ter, his the throne;
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! not as or - phans are we left in sor - row now;
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of Hea - ven, thou on earth our food, our stay!

Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to - ry a - lone:
 Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us, faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how:
 Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to thee from day to day:

Hark! the songs of peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a might - y flood;
 though the cloud from sight re - ceived him, when the for - ty days were o'er,
 In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er, plead for me,

Je - sus out of ev - ery na - tion hath re - deemed us by his blood.
 shall our hearts for - get his pro - mise, "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 where the songs of all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

The Dismissal



*Presider & Preacher: The Rt. Reverend Robert S. Skirving
 Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
 Director of Music: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Catherine Hofto Bear, Sigmond Aaron Bear, M.D. and Robert Jackson Powell, Jr.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 6 - 10

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

MONDAY, MAY 6

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

TUESDAY, MAY 7

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
 - MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
 - SPEAKER SERIES: BONHOEFFER IN A TIME OF RESPONSIBILITY
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Great Hall
- *Hors d'oeuvres & No Zoom or Dinner

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 9

- EVANGELISM COMMISSION MEETING
11:00 AM | Tatum Parlor
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 10

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, MAY 11

- ST. FRANCIS GARDEN PLANTING DAY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | St. Francis Garden

SUNDAY, MAY 12

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- SILENT AUCTION "COME AND SEE" PREVIEW
8:00 - 11:30 AM | Youth Room
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:10 AM | Great Hall
- PARISH SHOP OPEN
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
- SILENT AUCTION BEGINS
8:00 PM | Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 13th Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, May 10th.

The deadline for the June Grapevine Magazine is May 24th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

BISHOP VISIT AND CONFIRMATION

Sunday, May 5, 2024 | St. James Parish

St. James is happy to announce that The Rt. Rev'd Robert Skirving, Bishop of the Diocese of East Carolina, will be at St. James on Sunday, May 5, 2024. He will offer the sermon at both of our morning services.

On Sunday, May 5th, please join us in the Great Hall for a special offering from our Disciple's Class. The Rev. Phillip Craig will lead "Why a Diocese?" and share the tradition and significance behind the Diocesan structure of the Episcopal Church. We'll explore the relationship between parishes and their dioceses. As time allows, The Rt. Rev. Rob Skirving may also share with us some of his experiences with the structure of the wider church and how the role each Diocese plays in our national church.

In addition to offering the sermon at the 10:15 a.m. service, the Bishop will administer the Sacrament Rite of Confirmation, Reception and Reaffirmation. We encourage everyone to join us as we welcome new members into the parish family. After the 10:15 a.m. Service, all are welcome to join us on the parish lawn for a time of celebration for our Confirmands.

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- May 11 - St. Francis Garden Planting Day
- May 19 - Pentecost - OutReach Meeting & Hospitality at Home
- May 26 - Summer services open at Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- June 2 - Parish Picnic and Send-Off for The Rev. Cheryl Brainard

ST. FRANCIS GARDEN PLANTING DAY

Saturday May 11, 2024 | 9:00 - 11:30 a.m. | St. Francis Memorial Garden

Our annual St. Francis Garden Spring Planting Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 11th. Volunteers maintain the garden, and if you like getting your hands dirty, you're invited to help. Please let Kevin Hicks know if you would like to attend or want more info! khicks@alumni.nfu.edu

OUTREACH COMMISSION MEET-UP

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 11:15 a.m. | Lippitt Room | RSVP

All are warmly invited to join us for an OutReach Meet-Up. During the meeting, we'll share a 2024 OutReach update with a focus on our current community partnerships. We plan to discuss "open" OutReach liaison partnerships, answer questions, learn more about your OutReach areas of interest, etc. Please invite your friends and family. OutReach covers a lot of ground and we welcome all willing hands and hearts. We expect this meeting to last 45 minutes. Childcare is available with RSVP.

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Clark Home | RSVP

The St. James Bread Breakers are hosting Hospitality at Home in May. Bill and Happy Clark are signed up to host this great event. RSVP

ST. JAMES SPEAKER SERIES: BONHOEFFER IN A TIME OF RESPONSIBILITY

Part IV- Tuesday, May 7, 2024 | 6:00 - 7:00 PM

The St. James Speaker Series is preparing to host the final session of our four-part evening series on the writings and work of theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Led by Bonhoeffer scholar, Dr. Wayne Floyd (husband of The Rev. Dr. Nancy Jose), we invite you to join us on Tuesdays, for Bonhoeffer In a Time of Responsibility, a present-day deep dive into the wisdom of one of Christian history's most important figures.

The May 7 installment will be in the Great Hall over hors d'oeuvres and will be an open group discussion/overview of the prior presentations; how Bonhoeffer's teachings share parallels with our current culture and "time of responsibility" as fellow Christians. Please note, there is no dinner or zoom on May 7th.

LAST CALL: ST. JAMES YOUTH OUTREACH SILENT AUCTION DONATIONS

In 2024 young people and adults from St. James will be participating in a variety of mission and outreach opportunities, learning new skills, helping other people, strengthening relationships, exploring our world and glorifying God through worship and in our daily lives. As a result of our activities, we hope to come away with a keener sense of God at work in us both here in Wilmington and in the world. Please help our 2024 Youth Ministries Outreach and Mission. We thank you in advance for your help and your support. Also, we thank you for your investment in the lives of our young people. Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org to learn more!

COME AND SEE: SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

Sunday, May 12 | 8:00 - 11:30 AM | Youth Room

Before you bid, come join our St. James Youth for our Come and See Silent Auction Preview. This will be your chance to get an up-close look at some of the items up for bid! The Cash and Carry will officially be open for business and will be a first come first serve opportunity to purchase some of our smaller items throughout the duration of this year's Auction.

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