



THE TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 20 OCTOBER 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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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Job 38:1–7, 34–41

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 474

Commentary: Job believed that God governed humankind on the basis of retribution, meaning God blesses good people and punishes bad people. However, the Book of Job reveals that God's sovereign choice to bless or discipline is not determined by human will or actions. God began His speech by challenging Job's understanding of God's ways. God's rhetorical questions demonstrated to Job the limits of human wisdom and knowledge. Since Job could not comprehend God's ways with nature, he obviously could not understand or control God's dealings with people.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: “Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements—surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, ‘Here we are’? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their cover? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food!”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

1 Bless the LORD, O my soul; *

O LORD my God, how excellent is your greatness!
you are clothed with majesty and splendor.

**2 You wrap yourself with light as with a cloak *
and spread out the heavens like a curtain.**

3 You lay the beams of your chambers in the waters above; *
you make the clouds your chariot;
you ride on the wings of the wind.

**4 You make the winds your messengers *
and flames of fire your servants.**

5 You have set the earth upon its foundations, *
so that it never shall move at any time.

**6 You covered it with the Deep as with a mantle; *
the waters stood higher than the mountains.**

7 At your rebuke they fled; *

at the voice of your thunder they hastened away.

**8 They went up into the hills
and down to the valleys beneath, *
to the places you had appointed for them.**

9 You set the limits that they should not pass; *
they shall not again cover the earth.

**25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! *
in wisdom you have made them all;
the earth is full of your creatures.**

37b Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:35–45

NRSV, p. 924

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

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

The Nicene Creed

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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.

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.



Celebrant: The Reverend Beth Lilly ~ Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

Guest Organist: Lisa Nichol ~ Children's Chapel: Erin Trask

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Wanda Haddock Oden, William Kellam Oden, Elizabeth Robinson Earnhardt, & James Jennings Earnhardt

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., OCTOBER 21-25

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 21

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- IMPACT! HIGH SCHOOL DINNER
6:30 PM | Perry Hall Kitchen

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 22

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH
GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Registration Req.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 23

SJDS PICTURE DAY

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:
PHILIPPIANS
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor

WEDNESDAY - CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CHILDREN'S & CHERUB' CHOIRS
5:45 - 6:15 PM | Doors open at 5:30 p.m.
Children - 2nd - 5th Grades | Choir Room
Cherubs - Age 4 - 1st Grade | Children's
Chapel
- YOUTH GATHERING
5:30 - 6:15 PM | Youth Hall
- A LOOK AT "LIFE TOGETHER"
5:30 - 6:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER
6:15-7:00 PM | Doors open at 6:00 p.m.
Great Hall | RSVP requested.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 24

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
SGT. ASHLEY CENTER
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. | Sgt. Ashley Center
- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Green Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Req.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 25

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:00 AM | Great Hall
- ST. JAMES PARISH SHOP OPEN
8:30 - 10:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY
SCHOOL HOUR
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:00 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- BE THE LIGHT - YOUTH OUTREACH
EVENT
4:30 - 7:00 PM | Meet in the Perry Hall Lot

THIS SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 20 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Great Hall
 - *Guest Speaker: Roger Shew leads Wilmington's Creation Care* - Join us for a special presentation from UNCW's Roger Shew. Roger will share experiences and expertise related to the care of Wilmington's environment, including the natural and cultural history of the Cape Fear River, as we consider how each of us as individuals and a community can contribute to the care of our local area.

LATER TODAY

- LISTENING SESSION: MUSIC DIRECTOR SEARCH: 11:30 AM
- NEWCOMER MINGLE - 4:00-6:00 PM | RSVP for directions!

NEXT SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 27 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Great Hall
 - *The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley leads Moving from I to We: Caring for the Community of Creation.* Bishop Parsley shares a biblical and theological approach to the care of creation. What does it mean to be God's stewards of the earth? The arising environmental crisis is challenging us to do a better job. How can we as individuals and as Christian community learn and respond?

LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- BE THE LIGHT: YOUTH OUTREACH EVENT - 4:30 - 7:00 PM | Meet in Perry Hall lot and head to Wrightsville Beach Methodist.

We want to help support you through the bad and the good.

Prayer Requests are one way our parish family supports one another. Going forward, if you would like to be included on the prayer list, please know the request will be included for two Sundays in the Prayers of the People and a full month on Weekday Morning Prayer unless otherwise requested.

If you, or a loved one would like a pastoral care visit or to request prayer, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you need to update your contact information, please make sure to let us know. Please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org to update your information.

FALL NEWCOMER MINGLE

Today | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Smith Home | RSVP

Join us for the Fall Newcomer Mingle on Sunday, October 20. We will gather at the home of Calvin and Teri Smith in Landfall. Directions will be shared with those who RSVP. This is the premier church community event for newcomers and you'll want to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST. JAMES: THROUGH OCTOBER 30

CHILDREN'S & CHERUB CHOIRS

Wednesdays | 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. | Choir Room & Children's Chapel (Doors open at 5:30 pm)

- Children's Choir (2nd - 5th Grades) meet in the Choir Room - Leader: Dr. Bill Weisser
- Cherub's Choir (age 4 - 1st Grade) meet in the Children's Chapel - Leader: Erin Trask

YOUTH GATHERING

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Youth Room

6th - 12th Graders are invited to join Cookie Cantwell and other Youth Advisors for a special outreach project.

A LOOK AT "LIFE TOGETHER"

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Lippitt Room

The Rev. Phillip Craig for a special study on Wednesday nights! Together, we'll be reading through Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*.

PARISH DINNERS

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:00 p.m. | Great Hall

Following our programs, dinner will be hosted in the Great Hall. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. RSVP online! If you have questions about these great dinners, please reach out to Brandon Tully at brandoncandler@me.com or Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES - ALL SAINTS 2024

At the morning services on Sunday, November 3rd (All Saints' Sunday), we will remember the dearly departed as we toll the bell during the Prayers of the People. If you have someone who has died in the past year (November 1, 2023 through present) whom you wish to remember, please call the church by Wednesday, October 30th (910-763-1628) or fill out the online form.

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