



THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 27 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, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Job 42:1–6, 10–17

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 478

Commentary: Through a series of rhetorical questions, God had challenged Job's understanding of God's ways. In this passage, Job's words reveal the changes God's revelations had produced in him. Job was aware as never before that God had all power and wisdom and this resulted in an attitude of awe and submission. Job learned an important lesson: fellowship with God was possible even in the midst of suffering. After Job's trials were ended, God restored him to prosperity. God always writes the last chapter in a life and He can be trusted to do what is right.

Job answered the LORD: "I know that you can do all things, and that no purpose of yours can be thwarted. 'Who is this that hides counsel without knowledge?' Therefore I have uttered what I did not understand, things too wonderful for me, which I did not know. 'Hear, and I will speak; I will question you, and you declare to me.' I had heard of you by the hearing of the ear, but now my eye sees you; therefore I despise myself, and repent in dust and ashes." And the LORD restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends; and the LORD gave Job twice as much as he had before. Then there came to him all his brothers and sisters and all who had known him before, and they ate bread with him in his house; they showed him sympathy and comforted him for all the evil that the LORD had brought upon him; and each of them gave him a piece of money and a gold ring. The LORD blessed the latter days of Job more than his beginning; and he had fourteen thousand sheep, six thousand camels, a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand donkeys. He also had seven sons and three daughters. He named the first Jemimah, the second Keziah, and the third Keren-happuch. In all the land there were no women so beautiful as Job's daughters; and their father gave them an inheritance along with their brothers. After this Job lived for one hundred and forty years, and saw his children, and his children's children, four generations. And Job died, old and full of days.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

1 When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.

2 **Then was our mouth filled with laughter, ***
and our tongue with shouts of joy.

3 Then they said among the nations, *
“The Lord has done great things for them.”

4 **The Lord has done great things for us, ***
and we are glad indeed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O Lord, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.

6 **Those who sowed with tears ***
will reap with songs of joy.

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46–52

NRSV, p. 924

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

Jesus and his disciples came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; get up, he is calling you.” So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” The blind man said to him, “My teacher, let me see again.” Jesus said to him, “Go; your faith has made you well.” Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

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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The Breaking of the Bread

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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

Closing Hymn 671

“Amazing grace!”

New Britain

Dismissal

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham ~ Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser ~ Children's Chapel: Taber Stockstill-Tornes*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of John Nelson & Mable Davis Alexius,
John Nelson Alexius Jr., Harold Davis and Margaret Bellamy Alexius, and Catherine Alexius Emerson*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON. - FRI., OCT. 28 - NOV. 1

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

WEDNESDAY: CONTINUED

- 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 31

- 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, NOVEMBER 1

- SJDs CLOSED ALL DAY
- MORNING PRAYER ON ALL SAINTS
DAY
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

- 2SHARE: STUFF THE TRUCK
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM | First Baptist

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

- 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
- OUT OF THE DARKNESS: SUICIDE
PREVENTION WALK
1:00-4:00 PM | St. James Parish

THIS 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 TODAY

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

NEXT SUNDAY - ALL SAINTS

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 - *The Rev. Geoffrey Hoare leads **Life Together** - A Sunday morning opportunity for a brief consideration of what Bonhoeffer's reflection on Christian Life in community before WWII might have to say to us today.*

LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- OUT OF THE DARKNESS WALK- 1:00 - 4:00 PM | St. James Parish -The American Foundation for Suicide Prevention's (AFSP) Wilmington area "Out of the Darkness Community Walk" will take place on Sunday, November 3 at St. James Parish. Our St. James Youth are leading the charge! There will be many ways to be a part of this important event. If you would like to learn more about how you can support our young people and the ASFP's Out of the Darkness Walk, please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at cookie@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 October 30th or fill out the online form.

2SHARE STUFF THE TRUCK

Saturday, November 2, | 10:00 AM | First Baptist 2SHARE Inc. is hosting its second Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday, Nov. 2nd, from 10 am- 2 pm in the parking lot of First Baptist Activity Center (Independence and Canterbury Rd). 2SHARE is asking for donations of new linens and household items including twin and full sheet sets, twin and full blankets/quilts/comforters, pillows, sets of flatware, pots and pans, bath towels, bath mats, shower curtains and curtain rings, mattress covers, lamps, lamp shades, and metal platform bed frames.

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS

Thursdays, November 7, 14, & 21 | 5:30 -7:00 p.m. Newcomers are encouraged to be a part of our St. James Orientation for Newcomers (SJON) series. Meet us in the Great Hall to learn about St. James Parish; meet the clergy; find programs and ministries to suit your interests. Childcare provided with advance reservation. Register online.

ECW BAKE SALE!

Sunday November 10 & 17 | St. James Parish The Episcopal Church Women are hosting a Bake Sale! Traveling? Don't worry! We've got two weekends selected to share our tasty treats. Sign up to bake or volunteer, or just come ready to shop. Proceeds from the Bake Sale go to support ECW's Outreach and Programming projects. Sign up online. Have questions about the Bake Sale? Please reach out to Karen Clark at clarkk11@gmail.com.

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.

ST. JAMES PARISH

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