



# THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

**Prelude** *All Glory be to God on high* Various

**Processional Hymn 410** "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven" *Lauda anima*

## THE WORD OF GOD

**Opening Acclamation** The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Collect for Purity** p. 355

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.**

**Gloria in excelsis: S278** "Glory to God" William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you

take a-way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;  
 you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -  
 ceive our prayer. For  
 you a-lone are the Ho - ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,  
 you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

**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 and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**The First 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.

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

**Psalm 126**

*In convertendo*

**Antiphon**

*The antiphon is first sung by the Choir, then repeated by all*



The LORD has — done great things for us, and we are — glad in - deed.

- 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.  
**ANTIPHON**
- 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.

**ANTIPHON**

- 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.

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: Hebrews 7:23–28**

p. 1095

*Commentary: Why is Jesus' priesthood superior to anything previously in place? Because Jesus' priesthood is eternal, indestructible, perfect and sufficient for every need. Jesus lives forever so He can see His work of delivering His people through to the end. Jesus does not need to offer periodic sacrifices to atone for sin, either for His own sin or those of His people. Jesus' sinless life required no sacrifice and His one sacrifice of Himself for the sins of the world completely satisfied God, so no further sacrifice is necessary. Jesus Christ has a superior priesthood because He is the superior Son of God.*

The former priests were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Jesus holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues forever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who approach God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, undefiled, separated from sinners, and exalted above the heavens. Unlike the other high priests, he has no need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for those of the people; this he did once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints as high priests those who are subject to weakness, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect forever.

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

**Sequence Hymn 535**

“Ye servants of God”

*Paderborn*

*During the Sequence Hymn, the children proceed to the Children's Chapel*

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:46–52**

*NRSV, p. 924*

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

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 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** *Form III*

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## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*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**

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*Celebrant*       The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*           **And also with you.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

*Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring*

J. S. Bach

Jesu, Joy of man's desiring,  
Holy Wisdom, love most bright;  
Drawn by Thee, our souls aspiring  
Soar to uncreated light.

Word of God, our Flesh that fashioned,  
With fire of life impassioned,  
Striving still to truth unknown,  
Soaring, dying round Thy throne.

### Presentation Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”

*third stanza only*

*Nun danket alle Gott*

All praise and thanks to God the Fa-ther now be giv - ven the  
Son, and him who reigns with them in high-est hea - ven, e - ter - nal, tri - une God, whom  
earth and heaven a - dore; for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more

### The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

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*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:

*Celebrant and People*

### Sanctus: S128

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Mathias

Ho - - - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven 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 say,

### The Lord's Prayer

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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Breaking of the Bread

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#### Fraction Anthem: S154

David Hurd

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

### The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

#### Communion Hymns

Hymn 10	“New every morning is the love”	<i>Kedron</i>
Hymn 302	“Father, we thank thee”	<i>Rendez à Dieu</i>
Hymn 671	“Amazing grace!”	<i>New Britain</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

### Closing Hymn 344

“Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing”

*Sicilian Mariners*

### The Dismissal

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*People* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

*Sonata de Primo Tono*

Jose Lidon



*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*

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## 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

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# 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

## FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 3 | 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 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your information.

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