



THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 10 NOVEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
10:15 A.M.

Prelude *Canzona on Liebster Jesu* Richard Purvis

Processional Hymn 48 "O day of radiant gladness" *Es flog ein kleins waldvögelein*

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.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Ruth 3:1–5; 4:13–17

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 240

Commentary: Naomi had not had an easy life. She moved to Moab with her husband and two sons to escape famine in Judah. Naomi's husband died and her sons married Moabite women. One of Naomi's daughters-in-law was named Ruth. After about ten years, both of Naomi's sons died and she decided to return to Judah. She urged her daughters-in-law to go back to their homes with the expectation that they could find new husbands and have families of their own. Instead, Ruth chose to accompany Naomi to Judah. Naomi hoped that God would bless Ruth and provide a husband for her. Because Boaz, Naomi's kinsman, had shown an interest in Ruth, Naomi decided to encourage that relationship. The plan that Naomi proposed was in harmony with Israel's laws and customs. God provided a husband for Ruth, and also a son. Little did Ruth and Boaz realize that their son would be an important link in the ancestral line of Israel's greatest kings, David and Jesus Christ.

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating

and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

Psalm 127

Nisi Dominus

Thomas Attwood Walmisley
Anglican Chant

1 Unless the LORD builds the house, *
their labor is in vain who build it.

2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, *
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.

3 It is in vain that you rise so early
and go to bed so late; *
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,
for he gives to his beloved sleep.

4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, *
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.

5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior *
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! *
he shall not be put to shame
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

The Epistle: Hebrews 9:24–28

p. 1096

Commentary: In this passage, the author of Hebrews continued to examine the reasons why Jesus' priesthood is superior to anything formerly in place. Jesus Christ's ministry required a once-for-all, fully sufficient sacrifice. The unrepeatable action of Jesus, offering His own blood, was the ultimate sacrifice for sin, securing salvation for believers and granting them access into the very presence of God. Christ's death saved us from the sin's penalty. When Christ comes again, He will provide salvation from the presence of sin for His faithful followers.

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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

Sequence Hymn 429

“I'll praise my maker while I've breath”

Old 113th

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 12:38–44

NRSV, p. 924

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put

in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

Day by Day

Martin How

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray;
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

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 282	“Christ, the fair glory”	<i>Caelites plaudant</i>
Hymn 571	“All who love and serve your city”	<i>Charlestown</i>
Hymn 677	“God moves in a mysterious way”	<i>London New</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 607

“O God of every nation”

Llangloffan

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Praise To the Lord, the Almighty

Diane Bish



*Celebrant: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare ~ 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
Adair & Katie McKoy, Kitty McKoy Trask, Adair McKoy Jr. Douglas McKoy Strange,
Charles P. and Jean M. Graham, and Kitty Trask Holt*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 11-15

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 11

**VETERAN'S DAY - Parish Office and
SJDS Closed.**

- MORNING PRAYER ON
VETERAN'S DAY
8:00 AM | Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- COMMUNITY OF HOPE
INTERNATIONAL: CONTINUING
EDUCATION NIGHT
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

- ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR
NEWCOMERS: SESSION 2
5:30 - 7:15 PM | Great Hall
- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
5:45 - 6:45 PM | Green Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Req.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

- ECW BAKE SALE!
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Under the cloister
- 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
- HOT COCOA ON THE LAWN
11:30 AM | St. James Parish Lawn
- DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TOUR
11:30 AM | Begins in Great Hall
- IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH
5:00-6:30 PM | Youth Room

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THIS SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 10 | 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 Ben David leads Justice in Community* - Ben David has graciously agreed to join the Rev. Phillip Craig and our St. James family in a discussion of living the Christian faith as we engage with justice and how we might live fully into the call to "do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with God."

ECW BAKE SALE!

Sunday November 10 & 17 | St. James Parish

The Episcopal Church Women are hosting a Bake Sale! Come ready to shop. Proceeds from the Bake Sale go to support ECW's Outreach and Programming projects. Sign up online to bake for next week's table. Have questions about the Bake Sale? Please reach out to Karen Clark at darklc11@gmail.com.

NEXT SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, November 17 | 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. Phillip Craig leads The Unifying Love of Christ* - In times of political and social division, the Rev. Phillip Craig reminds us that we are ONE in Christ's love for us. We are challenged to walk in love as Christ loves us. Let us reflect on how that might be applied to each of us, to our parish family, and to the wider church as we move forward.

ALSO ON SUNDAY

- ECW BAKE SALE | 8:00 - 12:00 PM | Cloister
- HOT COCOA FOR WESTERN NC | After the 10:15 Service
- DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TOUR | After the 10:15 Service

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS- SESSION 2

Thursdays, November 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. Session 1 is complete but it's not too late to join! Child-care provided with advance reservation. Register online.

DIOCESE OF EAST CAROLINA: MIDDLE SCHOOL FALL CONFERENCE

November 15-17 | Trinity Center

If you are interested, contact Cookie ASAP to let her know!

DOWNTOWN CAMPUS TOUR

Sunday November 17 | Following the 10:15 a.m. Service

Newcomers and "oldcomers" are invited to join us for the Downtown Campus Tour! Following the 10:15 a.m. service, at around 11:30 a.m. we'll gather in the Great Hall for a time of fellowship and we'll form smaller groups for campus tours. RSVP online today!

4TH & 5TH GRADERS SERVE HOT COCOA

Sunday November 17 | Following the 10:15 a.m. Service

Children's Ministries will be serving hot chocolate on the lawn after the 10:15 a.m. service once a month. This will be attended by the 4th & 5th graders! All donations received will be donated to rebuilding Western NC.

A SUNDAY OF THANKS: CELEBRATING 295 YEARS OF ST. JAMES PARISH

Sunday November 24 | Following the 10:15 a.m. Service

- 9:10 AM - Special Adult Faith Formation Hour with our Tricentennial Committee in the Great Hall
- 10:15 AM - Worship and wrap up of our 2025 Stewardship Campaign
- 11:30 AM - Parish Celebration on the Lawn
- 4:00 PM - Advent Wreath Making Event at Mt. Lebanon Chapel | Please RSVP online
- 5:00 pm - Youth Led Thanksgiving Service at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. All are welcome!

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

Prayer Requests are one way our parish family supports one another. 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, communion brought to you, 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.

St. James Parish

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