



THE TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 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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Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them; that, by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 1:4–20

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 242

Commentary: Hannah was a woman of deep and abiding faith. She was married to a man named Elkanah and she had a problem: she was barren. Although Elkanah did not understand the depth of Hannah's heartache, he loved her dearly. Hannah desperately wanted a child but more than that she wanted to honor the Lord by bearing a child who would become a godly leader for Israel. After committing herself and her situation to God in prayer, Hannah experienced relief from her anxiety. In due course she conceived and gave birth to a son, Samuel. Hannah recognized that Samuel's birth was an answer to prayer, a supernatural gift from God. Samuel, as a prophet, would serve and glorify God and he would also be an instrument of blessing for Israel.

On the day when Elkanah sacrificed, he would give portions to his wife Peninnah and to all her sons and daughters; but to Hannah he gave a double portion, because he loved her, though the LORD had closed her womb. Her rival used to provoke her severely, to irritate her, because the LORD had closed her womb. So it went on year by year; as often as she went up to the house of the LORD, she used to provoke her. Therefore Hannah wept and would not eat. Her husband Elkanah said to her, "Hannah, why do you weep? Why do you not eat? Why is your heart sad? Am I not more to you than ten sons?"

After they had eaten and drunk at Shiloh, Hannah rose and presented herself before the LORD. Now Eli the priest was sitting on the seat beside the doorpost of the temple of the LORD. She was deeply distressed and prayed to the LORD, and wept bitterly. She made this vow: "O LORD of hosts, if only you will look on the misery of your servant, and remember me, and not forget your servant, but will give to your servant a male child, then I will set him before you as a nazirite until the day of his death. He shall drink neither wine nor intoxicants, and no razor shall touch his head."

As she continued praying before the LORD, Eli observed her mouth. Hannah was praying silently; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard; therefore Eli thought she was drunk. So Eli said to her, "How long will you make a drunken spectacle of yourself? Put away your wine." But Hannah answered, "No, my lord, I am a woman deeply troubled; I have drunk neither wine nor strong drink, but I have been pouring out my soul before the LORD. Do not regard your servant as a worthless woman, for I have been speaking out of my great anxiety

and vexation all this time." Then Eli answered, "Go in peace; the God of Israel grant the petition you have made to him." And she said, "Let your servant find favor in your sight." Then the woman went to her quarters, ate and drank with her husband, and her countenance was sad no longer.

They rose early in the morning and worshiped before the LORD; then they went back to their house at Ramah. Elkanah knew his wife Hannah, and the LORD remembered her. In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, "I have asked him of the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

Read responsively by whole verse

Conserva me, Domine

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

**I have said to the LORD, "You are my Lord,
my good above all other."**

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *
upon those who are noble among the people.

**3 But those who run after other gods *
shall have their troubles multiplied.**

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, *
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

**5 O LORD, you are my portion and my cup; *
it is you who uphold my lot.**

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

**7 I will bless the LORD who gives me counsel; *
my heart teaches me, night after night.**

8 I have set the LORD always before me; *
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

**9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *
my body also shall rest in hope.**

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, *
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

**11 You will show me the path of life; *
in your presence there is fullness of joy,
and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 13:1–8

NRSV, p. 927

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

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

As Jesus came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down." When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birthpangs."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Deacon Kitty Davis

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.

The Communion of the People <i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request</i>	p. 338
Prayer of Thanksgiving <i>in unison</i>	p. 339

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

Hymn 686	“Come, thou fount of every blessing”	Nettleton
Dismissal		p. 340

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr. ~ Preacher: The Reverend Deacon Kitty Davis
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 Charlotte S. Murchison,
David R. Murchison, Jr., David R. Murchison III, Sallie L. Harrison, & Horace H. Harrison*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., NOVEMBER 18-22

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

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 18

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor & Zoom
- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | TBD

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

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

WEDNESDAY CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CATALOGING THE MUSIC LIBRARY
2:00 PM | Choir Room

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

- ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR
NEWCOMERS: SESSION 3
5:30 - 7:15 PM | Great Hall | RSVP
- 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 22

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

- CHOIR REHEARSAL
10:00 AM | Choir Room

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

- 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
- CELEBRATING 295 YEARS
11:30 AM | St. James Parish Lawn
- ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT
4:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- YOUTH-LED THANKSGIVING
SERVICE
5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

THIS 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 TODAY!

- 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
- YOUTH GROUP | 5:00-6:30 PM | Perry Hall

NEXT SUNDAY

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 - *Speakers: The St. James Tricentennial Committee leads Celebrating 295 Years of St. James* Wednesday, November 27th is the official 295th birthday of our St. James Family. Our community began worshipping together in November 1729. While buildings have come and gone, our parish family has endured, grown, and thrives still today. Join us as we share plans for the next 5 years as St. James Parish prepares to celebrate 300 years of worship together.

A SUNDAY OF THANKS

- CELEBRATING 295 YEARS | 11:30 AM | Parish Lawn
- ADVENT WREATH MAKING EVENT | 4:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- YOUTH-LED THANKSGIVING SERVICE | 5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

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.

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.

ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS- SESSION 3

Thursdays, November 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 2 is complete but it's not too late to join! Child-care provided with advance reservation. Register online.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT PREP!

Sign Up to Participate by Sunday November 24

It's time to sign up to participate in the annual Christmas pageant at St. James! This is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the birth of Jesus. The pageant is open to children PreK (3 year old) through 5th grade. Rehearsals will begin in November during Sunday School with a **presentation on Sunday, December 22nd at the 10:15 service.**

If your child(ren) plan to participate, please **complete individual registration forms on our website by Sunday, November 24th, 2024**. Any questions, please contact Taber Stockstill-Tornes (childrensministries@stjamesp.org) or Kathryn Barmore (kgcbarmore@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. 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.

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