

Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19th, 2023

9:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH MILLCREEK HUNDRED

We are very pleased that you have joined us today. St. James' Episcopal Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one. If you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask.

On Sundays, we gather to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers". As we worship together, please also remember and hold in your prayers all the saints who have gone before us as they rest from their labors in the surrounding graveyard. Their work and ministry has helped bring us to this place.

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THE HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Prelude *An endless Alleluia*

J.W. Burnam

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Opening Hymn Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.**

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

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**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,**

**we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*



The First Reading ~ Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

The Gradual ~ Psalm 99

Dominus regnavit

- 1 The LORD is King;
let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim;
let the earth shake.
- 2 **The LORD is great in Zion; ***
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 **"O mighty King, lover of justice,**
you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.

- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the LORD, and he answered them.**
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O LORD our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them,
yet punished them for their evil deeds.**
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the LORD our God
and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading ~ 2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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

Sequence Hymn Come away to the skies, my beloved arise **Hymn 213**

The Gospel ~ Matthew 17:1-9

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

People The Gospel of the Lord.
 Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rev. Ben Rockwell



The Nicene Creed

**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 worshipped 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.
The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and that the souls of the faithful departed, through your mercy, may rest in peace.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister 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 for 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.

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

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

Announcements



Offertory My Lord, What a Morning **Spiritual/M. Larkin**
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Presentation of the Alms (Old 100th Psalm tune)

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **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 on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

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

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, **S 128**
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of

the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

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

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with blessed James all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and

daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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,

People and Celebrant

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

Fraction Anthem: Christ Our Passover

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Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
therefore let us keep the feast.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Communion Hymn For thy blest saints, a noble throng

Hymn 276

Post Communion Prayer

BCP 365

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Celebrant blesses the people.

Closing Hymn Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Hymn 618

Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Please be aware that we are recording this service in its entirety. Any talking can be picked up by the microphones, so please save your conversations for outside the church or after the completion of the music after the Dismissal. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: The Episcopal Church in Delaware Joint Leadership Team.

- In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for Senior Warden, Bruce Vrana, Junior Warden, Carolyn Joynt, and all members of the vestry.

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Chuck, Edna, Ginny, Kathy, Mallory, Wes, Sherry C., Les, Leslie Ann, Dylan C, Ann, Carole, Dylan, Ralph, Claire, Pablo Sr., Ivan, Katie, Lexie, Darrel, Sr. Jane Elizabeth, Betty R., Sister Toni, Anne Marie, Jimmy, Ethel, Jerry and Michele, Randy, Steve, Tom, Rich, Alaina, Karen B., James, Gail, Tammy, Christine, Carolyn A., Julianna, Debbie M., Daniel, Ellie, May, Diane, Barbara B., Sandy, Geri, Judy, Jean, and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: Allyson, Amy, Aurora, Debbie, Amy, Gail, Evelyn, Wendy, and Kandice.

ASH WEDNESDAY – IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Wednesday, February 22, is the beginning of the season of Lent, a time of penitence and fasting. In our tradition we mark this day with a service of Holy Eucharist and an imposition of ashes. This year we will have two services:

- 10:00 AM - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
- 7:00 PM - Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes

We invite you to the observance of a holy Lent, and we hope that you'll be able to join us as we begin this formative season of the Church year.

ASH WEDNESDAY – GUEST MUSICIAN WARREN ULANER

Warren Ulaner will provide beautiful music for us at our 7 PM Ash Wednesday (February 22) service at St. James Episcopal Church, Mill Creek Hundred. Warren studied at Juilliard Pre-College and the Juilliard School with major teachers including Homer Mensch, David Walter and Robert Brennan. His orchestral experience includes the Casals Festival Orchestra, the Brooklyn Philharmonic, the Florida Orchestra, the Florida Symphony, the Filharmonica de las Americas in Mexico City, the Filharmonica de Caracas in Venezuela, along with the New York String Orchestra. He has also had the opportunity to play at Carnegie Hall.

The string bass he will be playing is the instrument Susan and Keith St. John purchased for their son Andrew, who had an interest in learning how to play the string bass. Warren is

offering his time with us at this service as an offering of thanksgiving to the St. John family for the loan of this instrument. May this beautiful instrument and musician serve as a loving memory of Andrew's presence among us and as an offering back to God.

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

Please join us on Tuesday, February 21 at 6 PM for our Shrove Tuesday pancake supper. This will be a time for renewing an old tradition and fellowship with one another as we prepare for the upcoming season of Lent. If you'd like to help, please speak with Dick Prettyman or Dave Perry after church on Sunday morning.

2023 BAZAAR UPDATE ~ NOVEMBER 3RD & 4TH

The Bazaar Ladies are back. Their first meeting was Tuesday, February 7th. We were fortunate to have three new members join us. The ladies are looking forward to creating new and familiar items for our annual Bazaar. They enjoy the time they will spend with good friends.

The group welcomes new members. Please stop by any Tuesday morning. We meet in the room at the bottom of the stairs in the Parish Hall from 9:00 AM – 11:30 AM. It is a morning filled with fellowship and creativity. No skills are required. There are a variety of tasks that need to be done. New members often learn they have hidden talents.

Contact **Nancy Patterson (302) 239-7649** or **Shirley Alexander (302) 738-5331**
if you have any questions.

The St. James' Bazaar Ladies

ST. JAMES' PASTORAL CARE TEAM

St. James' Pastoral Care Team continues to support our parish family and our community.

If you or someone you know is in need, we:

- Send cards, make phone calls, and pray with you and/or for you.
- Make home, hospital, and Eucharistic visits.

Please call the office (302-994-1584) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. Messages are retrieved daily, seven days a week.

Please let us know if you need us or if someone you know needs us. We will not know if you do not tell us.

PRAYER TEAM UPDATES

The prayer team continues to lift up prayer requests shared by parishioners through emails or calls to the church office at 302-994-1584, to individual members of the prayer team, or requests left in the prayer basket in the church foyer. We collect the prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world. They are compiled weekly and then these requests are lifted up in the daily prayers of the team members. All are welcome and encouraged to share their prayers.

For those who have an immediate prayer need, we invite you to email your prayer needs and request to Carolyn Mack at cdmack37@gmail.com or call 302-565-8675.

SERVING TODAY

Celebrant:	The Rev. Ben Rockwell
Eucharistic Minister:	Pam Smith
Lector:	David Perry
Director of Music:	Keith St. John
Videographer	Bruce Vrana
Usher:	David Perry
	David Niehaus
Vestry Greeters:	Ed Burdick
Counters:	Dick Prettyman
	David Perry