Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of the Episcopal Church in Delaware



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Holy Eucharist: Rite II

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 6th, 2024

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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St. James' Episcopal Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one.

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

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Prelude Children of the Heavenly Father Swedish Folk Melody

Opening Hymn O God, our help in ages past **Hymn #680**

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

The Celebrant says

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.**

Glory to God **Hymnal S 278**

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**



The First Reading ~ Job 1:1; 2:1-10

There was once a man in the land of Uz whose name was Job. That man was blameless and upright, one who feared God and turned away from evil.

One day the heavenly beings came to present themselves before the Lord, and Satan also came among them to present himself before the Lord. The Lord said to Satan, "Where have you come from?" Satan answered the Lord, "From going to and fro on the earth, and from walking up and down on it." The Lord said to Satan, "Have you considered my servant Job? There is no one like him on the earth, a blameless and upright man who fears God and turns away from evil. He still persists in his integrity, although you incited me against him, to destroy him for no reason." Then Satan answered the Lord, "Skin for skin! All that people have they will give to save their lives. But stretch out your hand now and touch his bone and his flesh, and he will curse you to your face." The Lord said to Satan, "Very well, he is in your power; only spare his life."

So Satan went out from the presence of the Lord, and inflicted loathsome sores on Job from the sole of his foot to the crown of his head. Job took a potsherd with which to scrape himself, and sat among the ashes.

Then his wife said to him, "Do you still persist in your integrity? Curse God, and die." But he said to her, "You speak as any foolish woman would speak. Shall we receive the good at the hand of God, and not receive the bad?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

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

The Gradual ~ Psalm 26 **BCP pg 616**

Judica me, Domine

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.
2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me; ***
examine my heart and my mind
3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.
4 **I have not sat with the worthless, ***
nor do I consort with the deceitful.
5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.
6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, ***
that I may go in procession round your altar,
7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.
8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell ***
and the place where your glory abides.
9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,
10 **Whose hands are full of evil plots, ***
and their right hand full of bribes.
11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.
12 **My foot stands on level ground; ***
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.

The Second Reading ~ Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom he also created the worlds. He is the reflection of God's glory and the exact imprint of God's very being, and he sustains all things by his powerful word. When he had made purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

> "What are human beings that you are mindful of them,
> or mortals, that you care for them?
> You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;
> you have crowned them with glory and honor,
> subjecting all things under their feet."

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this

reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters, saying,

"I will proclaim your name to my brothers and sisters,
in the midst of the congregation I will praise you."

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

Sequence Hymn I want to walk as a child of the light **Hymn #490**

The Gospel ~ Mark 10:2-16

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?" He answered them, "What did Moses command you?" They said, "Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her." But Jesus said to them, "Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."
Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, "Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Ben Rockwell

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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 offer up prayers to Christ Jesus saying, Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all leaders of your Church, O God, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Sean, our Presiding Bishop-elect; and Kevin, our bishop.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer we pray for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea.

In the Episcopal Church in Delaware cycle of prayer we pray for Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders; the Diaconate Ministry; and the member of the Commission on Ministry.

In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for our Worship Ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, St. James Choir, Counters, Flower Guild, Greeters, Lay Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Prayer Team, Pastoral Care Team, Ushers, and Worship Ministry Team.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all elected leaders, including our president and our state and local leaders. We pray also for candidates for elected office; their staff and advisers; and their families.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all organizations and volunteers working to feed those who are hungry and displaced and are providing for those who are in need. We pray especially for all the relief organizations that are working to care for those affected by hurricane Helene and other natural disasters

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who suffer from the pains of persecution, separation, and isolation, and we prayer for those in need of healing, especially *N.*

We pray, also, for those who are serving in the Armed Forces, especially *N.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those in our community who are celebrating birthdays, and anniversaries this week especially *N.*

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have died, especially all those who have died by acts of violence, those who have died in moments of fear, and those who have died alone.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect.

Confession of Sin

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 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

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Announcements

Offertory **The First Song of Isaiah** Jack Noble White

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The Doxology Hymn 380, v. 3



The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A **BCP pg 361**

Celebrant 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.**

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

Sanctus **Hymnal S 128**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in

him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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 forever. **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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Agnus Dei **Hymnal S 158**

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Communion Hymn Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart **Hymn #488**

Post Communion Prayer **BCP pg 365**

After Communion, the Celebrant says

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 Priest may bless the people.

Concluding Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling **Hymn #657**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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.

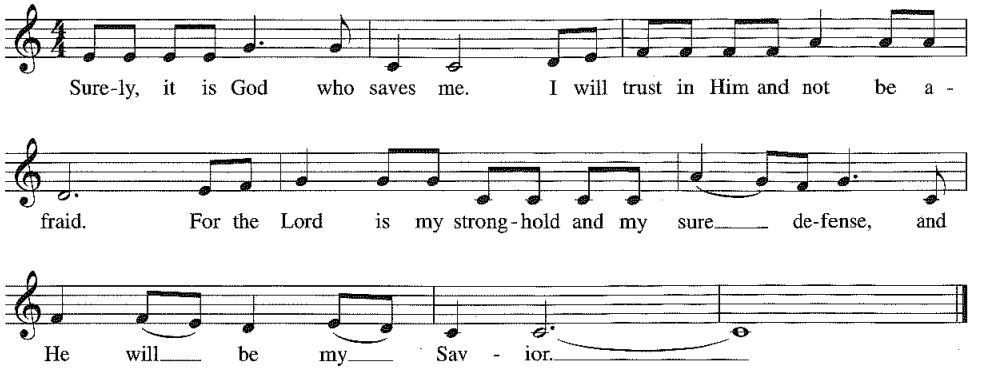
THE FIRST SONG OF ISAIAH

Ecce, Deus

Words:
ISAIAH 12:2-6*

Music by
JACK NOBLE WHITE
SAB voicing by
LEE DENGLER

The congregation is asked to join the choir singing this refrain after each verse is sung:



VERSE
Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing
from the springs of salvation.
And on that day you shall say,
give thanks to the Lord, and call upon His name.

REFRAIN

VERSE
Make His deeds known among the peoples.
See that they remember that His name is exalted.
Sing the praises of the Lord, for He has done great things,
and this is known in all the world.

REFRAIN

VERSE
Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion.
Ring out your joy,
for the great one in the midst of you
is the Holy One of Israel.

REFRAIN *(sung twice)*

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

- In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: Postulants and Candidates for Holy Orders, The Diaconate Ministry, and the members of the Commission on Ministry.
- In our parish cycle of prayer, we pray for our Worship Ministries Worship Ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, St. James Choir, Counters, Flower Guild, Greeters, Lay Readers, Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Prayer Team, Pastoral Care Team, Ushers, and Worship Ministry Team.

For those in the parish who have special concerns, especially Lucy and family; Ann H. and family; Linda, Donna, Carolyn A., Dan S. and family, Andy, Samantha, Joe M. Carol L., Susan, Penelope and family, Diane and family, Nancy, Dot, Alice, John, Grayton, Cara S., Eric, Karen R and George R., Lynne, and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries.

For all who serve in the military at home and abroad, especially Ed, Moriah, Austin R., and Noella.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: Ava, Gail, Kemp, Sam, Laura, and Aaron.

ALL SAINTS DAY MEMORIAL FRONTAL

Each year as we draw closer to the feast of All Saints' Day, you are invited to call or email the office with names of loved ones that you would like to add to our All Saints' memorial frontal. This year All Saints' Sunday will be celebrated on Sunday, November 3, so please let us know who you would like to add as soon as possible.

You may call the Parish Office at 302-994-1584 or email us at (office@stjamesmillcreek.comcastbiz.net) with the pertinent information.

Thank you for your participation in this ongoing tradition and practice of our parish.

PRAYER TEAM UPDATES

Sunday Prayers of the People. If you would like someone to be lifted in prayer at our Sunday service, please call the church office at 302-994-1584. The person's name will remain on the list for three weeks. If at that time you would like the person's name to remain on the list, please call the office again.

The parish prayer team continues to lift up prayer requests shared by parishioners through emails or calls to the church office, 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. 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

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