

Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

The Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

November 6th, 2022

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

9:30AM

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

Prelude *I know that my Redeemer Liveth from The Messiah*

G.F. Handel

Opening Hymn

For all the saints

Hymn 287 v.1-4

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.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*



The First Reading ~ Daniel 7:1-3,15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever."

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

The Gradual ~ Psalm 149

Cantate Domino

1 Hallelujah!

 Sing to the LORD a new song; *
 sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 **Let Israel rejoice in his Maker;** *
 let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
 let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 **For the LORD takes pleasure in his people** *
 and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
 let them be joyful on their beds.

6 **Let the praises of God be in their throat** *
 and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
 and punishment on the peoples;

8 **To bind their kings in chains** *
 and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading ~ Ephesians 1:11-23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet

and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn I sing a song of the saints of God

Hymn 293

The Gospel

Luke 6:20-31

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

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

Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

"Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

"Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

"Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets."

"But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

"Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

"Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

"Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their
ancestors did to the false prophets.

"But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those
who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse
you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and
from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your
shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes
away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you
would have them do to you.

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

The Sermon

The Rev. Ben Rockwell



The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Celebrant Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People **I do.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**
 He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
 and born of the Virgin Mary.
 He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried.
 He descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again.
 He ascended into heaven,
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
 He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,**
 the holy catholic Church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

The Celebrant concludes the Renewal of Vows as follows

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. *Amen.*

The Prayers of the People

The Lord takes great pleasure in us. God cares for us and hears our prayers. So let us pray: “We offer our prayers; **Our hope is set on you, O Christ.**”

Bless your church, O Lord. Increase our faith in you. Increase our love for one another. Increase in us a spirit of wisdom.

Silence

We offer our prayers;
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless the human family O Lord. Bless the poor. Bless the hungry. Bless those who now weep.

Silence

We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless this good creation, O Lord. All things were made through you and by your resurrection they are given new life. We thank you that you are already making all things new.

The congregation is invited to add thanksgivings.

We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless this city, O Lord. May we be known as a generous people – doing to our neighbor as we would have them do to us.

Silence

We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless those in need, O Lord. You adorn the poor with victory; you fill those who are hungry. Make happy those for whom we pray.

The congregation is invited to add their own petitions and intercessions.

We offer our prayers;

Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

Bless the saints who now rest from their labors, O Lord. Give to them the kingdom of God as a possession—for ever and ever.

Silence

We offer our prayers;
Our hope is set on you, O Christ.

The celebrant adds a concluding collect.

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 **Agnus Dei** with “How Great Thou Art” arr. by Joel Raney
Agnus Dei - Michael W. Smith; *How Great Thou Art* - Stuart K. Hine
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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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People The Lord be with you.
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.

For in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses, that we might rejoice in their fellowship, and run with endurance the race that is set before us; and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that never fades away.

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,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

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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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Communion Hymn Let all mortal flesh keep silent **Hymn 324**

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 The Church of England.
- In The Episcopal Church in Delaware: Racial Justice and Reconciliation Commission.
- For those in our parish, we pray for: Worship Ministries: Acolytes, Altar Guild, St. James Choir, Flower Guild, Greeters, Lay Readers, Prayer Team, Pastoral Care Team, Ushers, Worship Ministry Team, & Counters.

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Elia, Katie, Lexie, Darrel, Sr. Jane Elizabeth, Betty R., Sister Toni, Anne Marie, Jimmy, Ethel, Jerry and Michele, Randy, Steve, Tom, Debbie R. and family, Rich, Chrissy, Alaina, Karen B., James, Gail, Tammy,

Holly, Christine, Carole, Carolyn A., Les, Julianna, Debbie M., Pablo and family, Daniel, Mary, Faye and family, Ed, Debbie, Wilma, John, Ellie, May, Diane, Barbara B., Sandy, Geri, Charles, Judy, Jean, and those we serve and care for through our outreach ministries.

Today we remember those who had died in the past year: Carl Page, Josephine Dryden, Joseph A. Bruno, Esther Insinga, Sandra Cohee, Matty Cloud, Joan Iverson, Evelyn White and Karen Edgar. And we also remember those whose names were offered by loved ones and are now on our memorial frontal.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their birthdays this week, especially: Kelsey, Christopher, and Shawn.

And we pray for all those who are celebrating their anniversary this week, especially: Jerry & Ed Clark, and Mell & Manny DelleDonne.

ST. JAMES' READING GROUP

Conversations at Wednesday Morning Church and Monday Morning Bible Study have led to forming a book group at St. James'. Our first book will be *Mysticism* by Evelyn Underhill. You can order this book through Amazon, but extra copies are still available in the Parish Office. To join, contact Fr. Ben. Our meeting will be at a date and time to be determined by those who are interested. Please join us; this group is open to all!

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

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