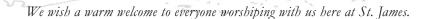
St.James Episcopal Church Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecast

November 19, 2023 8:30 and 10:30 AM Holy Eucharist: Rite II



HYMN IN PROCESSION

O Praise ye the Lord!

Hymn 432

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Words: Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877), alt.; based on Psalms 148 and 150. Music: *Laudate Dominum*, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918).

OPENING SENTENCES

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

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

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

The Celebrant may say

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.**

SONG OF PRAISE S-236

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Glory to you, Lord God of our fathers; you are worthy of praise; glory to you. Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; on the throne of your majesty, glory to you. Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever. Glory to you, beholding the depths; in the high vault of heaven, glory to you. Glory to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. *People:* And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

FIRST READING

Judges 4: 1-7

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. So the Lord sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The Lord, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand."

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

PSALM 123 (read responsively by half verse)

- To you I lift up my eyes, to you enthroned in the heavens.
- As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- So our eyes look to the Lord our God, until he shows us his mercy.
- Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, and of the derision of the proud.

SECOND READING

1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

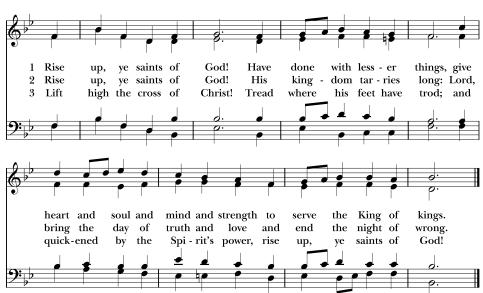
Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN

Rise up, ye saints of God!

Hymn 551
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Words: William Pierson Merrill (1867-1954), alt. Music: Festal Song, William H. Walter (1825-1893).

THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 25: 14-30

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.""

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

THE SERMON The Rev. De Freeman

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 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 VI BCP 392

Intercessor: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

Intercessor: For all people in their daily life and work;

People: For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Intercessor: Especially remembering the people of Ukraine, Israel, and all nations currently at

war; and also for this community, the nation, and the world;

People: For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Intercessor: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Intercessor: For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble,

People: For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Intercessor: For the peace and unity of the Church of God; and in our diocesan cycle of

prayer, we remember St. John's, Robertsdale.

People: For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Intercessor: For our Bishop; our Priests, our Seminarians, and for all bishops

and other ministers;

People: For all who serve God in his Church.

Intercessor: For the special needs and concerns of this congregation. *Silence*

Leader: Hear us, Lord;

People: For your mercy is great.

Intercessor: We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. Silence

Intercessor: We will exalt you, O God our King;

People: And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Intercessor: We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your

eternal kingdom. Silence

Intercessor: Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

People: Who put their trust in you.

Intercessor: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Silence may be kept.

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION BCP 360

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 The people stand.

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

8:30 Sweet Rivers of Redeeming Love arr. Don Hustad

10:30 Here, O My Lord Eleanor Daley (b. 1955)

Here, O my Lord I see Thee face to face. Here would I touch and handle things unseen, Here grasp with firmer hand th'eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee, the royal wine of heav'n, Here would I lay aside each earthly load, And taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n

This is the hour of banquet and of song, This is the heav'nly table spread for me, Here let me feast, and feasting still prolong The brief bright hour of fellowship with Thee. Amen.

THE DOXOLOGY Now thank we all our God (verse 3) Hymn 397

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given, The Son, and him who reigns with them in highest heaven, Eternal, Triune God, whom earth and heaven adore; For thus it was, is now, and shall be, evermore.

Eucharistic Prayer C

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.

Celebrant: God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you forever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space,

galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island

home.

People: By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant: From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us

with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one

another.

People: Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant: Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you

revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom

and peace.

People: By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant: And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets,

apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

S-125 Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, 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.

The people kneel or stand as they are able.

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People: We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People: Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

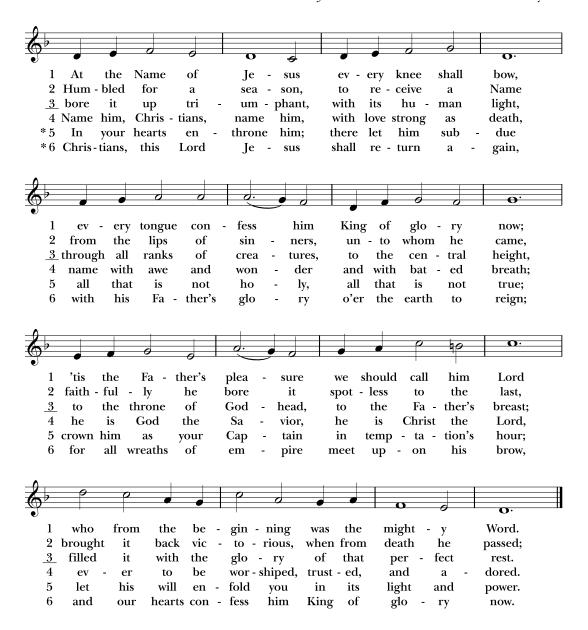
THE FRACTION ANTHEM

S-164 arr. Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us. Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us. Jesus, redeemer, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace, give us your peace.

THE INVITATION AND MINISTRATION

All are welcome and encouraged to receive the sacrament of Holy Eucharist. To receive the host (bread), place your hands together. You may immediately eat the host, or wait to dip it into the wine (intinction). To receive from the chalice, help the minister guide the chalice to your lips. If you do not wish to receive the wine, please cross your arms over your chest after you receive the host. Receiving the host or wine alone is considered full communion. Gluten-free hosts are available upon request.



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POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant: 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.

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Dismissal

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Jim and Pam Ayres in thanksgiving for the marriage of Liam and Elizabeth.

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8:30 AM SERVANTS

Ushers: Ben Codding, Steve Chiepalich, Kelvin Hamil, Anne Pearson Chalice Bearers: Laura Jones, Cappi Sully, Andy Smith **Lector:** Gerry Lester Intercessor: Kelly Brown Acolyte: Jaden Williams Welcome Ministry: Barbara Haljun

Coffee Ministry: Beverly Kelly

10:30 AM SERVANTS

Ushers: Rick Phyfer, JD West, Dave Barnette, Jonathan Burton Chalice Bearers: Margaret Cadden, Andy Burton, Tiffany Dye Lector: David Dorsey Intercessor: Kay Jackson Acolytes: Anna Bowler Convers, Forrest Smith, Marcella Covington, Anabelle Dosher, Makayla Williams Children's Chapel: Alexandra Miller Welcome Ministry: Nancy Bush

Clergy: The Reverend De Freeman, Rector The Reverend Forbes Sirmon, Associate Priest The Reverend Amanda Dosher, Associate Priest Director of Music & Organist: Mary Katherine Kilgore Altar Guild: 11/19 - Bentley/Redditt 11/26 - Earle



THE ST. JAMES PRAYER LIST

Please keep these parishioners in your prayers:

Barbara Arnold, Charlie Bassett, Karen Billups, Jeanelle Clark, Sharon Clay, Maite Clyatt, JD Dolan, Ellen Gentle, Glenda Gravlee, Rusty Godard, Jack Grimsley, Brandy Haas, Gray Gonas Hankins, Clay Havard, Rose Mary Heveran, Dianne Herring, Jim Herring, Laura Jones, Sam Jones, Jennifer Lambert, James Laura, Patti Miller, Hilde Neasbe, Jamie Oquin, Joe Palmer, Brenda Pisarkiewicz, John Pisarkiewicz, Joan Rice, Helen Rodgers, Nancy Rowe, Bill Sims, Sam South, Ron Stevens, Joan Sulzmann, Leslie Turnbull, Cynthia Wallace, John Wallace, Robin Williams, Randal Wright, Susan Wynne, Jeanne Yancey, and those who care for them.

Let us also pray for the needs of others:

Anne Phillips Arrington, Byron Baggett, Colin Beall, Lowery Beall, Helen Bender, Katie Burns, Gloria Campbell, Sive Carden, Elena Castanet-Wright, Fred Chesbro, Leland Chesbro, Mike Clausen, Janice Clifford, Jim Clifford, Arthur Cohen, Jeffrey Cohen, James Collins, Regina Conradi, Justin Crabtree, Pat Cranton, Jim Crooke, Rudy Davis, Liam Doran, Katie Duffey, Amy Engel, Ruth Fitzgerald, Denson Freeman, Sr., Kristen Freeman, Mary Freeman, Ronnie Gadbois, Ruth Gadbois, Hannah Gaylord, Radner Graham, Michael Gredell, Tony Green, Verna Guillet, Ilse Hall, Robert Harrison, Brittany Harvey, Deb and Danny Hawke, J.D. Hawke, Andrea Hawkins, Janet Hein, Mimi Henderson, Myra Herndon, Carol Jean Hodges, Marcia Hudson, Don Hughes, Nancy Hughes, Marilyn Hutchins, Barbara Kellem, Ann Kiser, Collin Knapp, Alan Kuhn, Adriene LaPorte, Peg Lawrence, Wiley May, Michael McGeever, Suzanne McKinney, Laurin McMurry, John Charles Moore, Jayne Murphy, Steve Noe, Stan Norman, Ursel Norman, Steve Noe, Matthew Novak, Martin O'Connor, Nicole Olmstead, Jack Orr, Carolyn Parham, Ann Parker, Bob Peter, Rebecca Poire, Quimby Family, Beth Ranoull, Robinson family, Page Robinson, Mary Rogers, Frank Rosetti, Leon Russell, Anna Sawyer, Leslie Sawyer, Cameron Sipperley, Jana Soward, Margaret Spence, Tracy Taylor, Connie Thames, Brent Thomas, Glenda Turner, William Twilbeck, Mark Ulmer, Brandon Webb, Colin Wilkins, Larry Williams, Alan Wilson, Helen Wilson, Claire Windham, Carolyn Zeanah, and those who care for them.

Military Prayer Requests:

Brewer Ayres, Brandon Beam, Lee Brennan, Marlin Brutkiewicz, Casey Callister, Chase Carlton, James Cassebaum, Charles Cotton, Matthew Curry, Edward Doyle, Hunter Freeman, Billy Geiger, Bobby Glover, John Granlund, John Gresla, John Heeren, Mallory Henderson, Matthew Kangsumrith, Daniel Keyser, Will McDuff, Walter Miller, Chris Moore, Robert Pinckard, Parker Ponder, Bryan Quinn, Neil Quinn, James Ramming, Alex Rice, Lexi Rohrer, Adam Simpson, Gary Spencer, Stephenie Tatum, William Watts, and Harrison Wilhelm.

To place a name on the prayer list, fill out one of the prayer cards in the Narthex of the church or parish office, or call the parish office at 251-928-2912. Names are listed for 2 months.

Parish News & Events

Family Promise - November 19 - 26. Volunteers needed to help with meals and fellowship. Look for the signup board in Green Hall.

Parish Breakfast - Canceled for today. The next Parish Breakfast is scheduled for December 17.

You Group - TONIGHT (for 5th and 6th graders AND a parent)- 5:30 in Green Hall.

Men's Sung Compline - TONIGHT at 7:00 PM in the church.

Thanksgiving Day Service - Thursday, November 23 at 10:30. Please note: this is a different time than previous years. **The service is at 10:30, NOT 10:00.**

Advent Wreath Making and EYC Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser - Wednesday, November 29. 5:30 in Green Hall. Bring your own greenery and clippers and \$5 for your wreath kit. Bring your appetite, too! Our youth will be cooking a spaghetti dinner.

Drive-Thru Nativity - December 3 at the Fairhope Pier duckpond area. St. James is providing volunteers for the shepherd and sheep scene - great family volunteer opportunity! Contact Natalie to sign up. stjamesfairhope.org

Daughters of the King - Want to learn more about the DOK? Join us Sunday, December 10 in the Vestry Room for coffee and an informational meeting.

Wednesday Morning Bible Study - Will begin a new book on November 29. "An Unlikely Advent" can be ordered from Amazon.

Children & Youth Dates to Remember

December 1st: Deadline for Ski Trip sign up; Camp Beckwith summer camp registration begins

December 3rd: Drive Thru Nativity 5-7pm

December 10th: Meet St. Nicholas (special guest appearance and introduction of St. Lucy) 9:45am

December 10th: You Group 5:30-7pm

December 13th: Prodisee Pantry youth outreach 5pm December 17th: EYC Christmas Party 5-6:30pm December 21st: Cookie Decorating time tbd

December 24th: No Sunday School December 31st: No Sunday School



Sunday, December 3 at the 8:30 and 10:30 services

Service of the Longest Night

Tuesday, December 19 at 6:00 PM in the chapel

Sunday, December 24

Advent IV (regular Sunday service) at 10:30



4:00 PM, 7:00 PM & 10:00 PM Nursery available at 4:00 PM & 7:00 PM



Holy Eucharist 10:30 AM

The church office will be closed the week following Christmas. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 2.









St. James Episcopal Church We are a community anchored in Christ, seeking God, sharing His love and serving others.

The Reverend De Freeman, Rector The Reverend Forbes Sirmon, Associate Priest The Reverend Amanda Dosher, Associate Priest