

THE PROPER & ANNOUNCEMENTS – MORNING PRAYER RITE II

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • NOVEMBER 12, 2023 9:30AM

WITH DIOCESAN-APPROVED ADMINISTRATION OF THE
RESERVED SACRAMENT BY A EUCHARISTIC MINISTER

Book of Common Prayer, beginning on page 75

OPENING HYMN *Love divine, all loves excelling* H 657

OPENING SENTENCES

CONFESSION & DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS *BCP p. 79, 80*

INVITATORY PSALM *BCP p. 80-82*

THE PSALM **Psalm 78:1-7**

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob
and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;

7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
**and not forget the deeds of God,
but keep his commandments;**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

*As the Lessons are read, listen for God's Word for us at St. James
and for you in your life.*

THE OLD TESTAMENT

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore

we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

But Joshua said to the people, “You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.” And the people said to Joshua, “No, we will serve the LORD!” Then Joshua said to the people, “You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.” And they said, “We are witnesses.” He said, “Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.” The people said to Joshua, “The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.” So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

“Lord, Be Glorified” (v 1, 2)

In my life, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In Your church, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,

In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, “Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took

flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Use this period of silence following the Gospel to meditate on the Lessons.

GRADUAL HYMN

"Lord, Be Glorified" (v. 3, 4)

In my heart, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,

In my life, Lord, be glorified today.

In my mind, Lord, be glorified, be glorified,

In Your church, Lord, be glorified today.

APOSTLES' CREED

BCP p.96

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

BCP p.387

BLESSINGS

BCP p.830-831

THE PEACE “*May the peace of the Lord be always with us.*”

No response

WELCOME OF VISITORS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Softly and Tenderly”

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,

Calling for you and for me;

Patient and loving, He’s waiting and watching,

Watching for you and for me.

Refrain: Come home, come home,

Ye who are weary, come home;

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, “O sinner, come home!”

Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading,

Pleading for you and for me?

Why should we wait, then, and heed not His mercies,

Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*

O for the wonderful love He has promised,

Promised for you and for me;

Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,

Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain*

DOXOLOGY

All things come of Thee, O Lord,

And of Thine own have we given Thee.

The Blessed Sacrament is brought to the altar and prepared.

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands are unclean,
our hearts are unprepared;
we are not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;
and that we, with the whole company of Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.**

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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ADMINISTRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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COMMUNION HYMN

I come with joy to meet my Lord **H 304**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

BCP p.365

CLOSING HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise **H 135**

THE DISMISSAL

BCP p.366

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost.

Please join us after the service in Feaster Hall hosted by Phil & Lorna Smith, and Judith Holder & Family. We thank them for their kindness!

SAMARITAN'S PURSE CHRISTMAS BOXES DUE

The Operation Christmas Child Shoebox **Collection is Sunday**

November 19th. The mission is to provide local partners around the world with shoeboxes filled with small toys, hygiene items, and school supplies as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ.



2024 PLEDGE CARDS

Please take home your Stewardship letters located at the entrance of the church. Inside is your Pledge Card for the year 2024. Tithe boxes will be distributed later this month.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TRAINING

We are in need of those willing to be trained for the following ministries: Chalice Bearers, and for the Altar Guild. Please join and keep these ministries growing.

COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures. For any Sundays not chosen by volunteers, simply the **coffee station only** will be provided.

STREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of assistance with our media streaming. If you are interested in being a part of our Media Ministry, please reach out to Joseph Muñoz for training. Also, thanks to Elisha and Laurence Clarke for their dedication to the St. James Media Ministry, keeping our parishioners connected online.

FROM THE OFFICE

Please keep Harriet Willis-Graham, our Administrator in training, in your prayers as she recovers from her surgery and will be in recovery for about six weeks.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES

If you need a name badge, please see Diane Kinishi or email her at dianeandgene@hotmail.com

MONTHLY VESTRY MEETINGS

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Anyone who has a concern and would like to bring it to the Vestry, please contact the Office for Zoom meeting information.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Following the tragedy at St. Stephen's Episcopal in Alabama, the Diocese encourages churches to remain vigilant in the safety and security of its congregants during worship services. St. James will continue to keep the outer doors locked once the service has begun. In the case of late arrivals, an usher/greeter will be present to open the doors for you.

ST. JAMES CHILDCARE PROGRAM

Please continue to keep this initiative in your prayers.

DAILY DEVOTIONALS

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for NOV-DEC-JAN are available from the Church Office during the week.

Please stay safe and keep the faith.



Please Pray for...

Our Anglican Community:

The Anglican Church of Mozambique & Angola

Those in our Parish:

Pete Rodriguez, Stan Allen Jr., Sarah Allen, Nicholas and Jonathan Saunders, Heather and Ed Reid, Riley Ruppert-Richendollar, Pat Miller, Maud Fernander, Jan Pushkar, Karron Bacchus, Ben Martinez, Donna Tolbert, Loretta Steward, Michael Fowler, Marie Henderson-Williams, Melanie Kenney, Rita Mahoney, Wendy Pellew, Sofia Maduro, Mike and Carla Rossano, Anna and Thomas Carter, Mary Jo Mazzetta, Sonia Fiedrick, Lori Jasper, Alan Demascus, Rylma Sanchez-Cifuentes, Helen Potter, Paul Crosta, Deb Terzino, Pat Ferdinand, Michael Ryan, Bryson Bynoe, Matthew Smith, Luis Galvis, Adrian Bukur, Rebecca, Chris, and Leilani Gamboa, Sherry Reitz, Silvia Flores, Suzi and Rudy Ford, Brian Becker, Holly Hoyle, Lucy Emmanuel, Harriet Willis-Graham, Philmore Smith, Paula Simmons, Luz Whitehead, Tom Jackson

We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:

Paul Cizek, Frances Cizek (1), Anissa Mirjah

We pray for peace in Israel and in Palestine, for peace in Ukraine, for the victims of gun violence and their families, and we continue to pray for continued protection and healing for all those dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anniversary Blessing (from 2018 Book of Occasional Services)

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send your blessing upon *N. and N.*, and grant them your grace, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their lives together may be a witness to your love and forgiveness, and that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes

Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. *Amen.*

Prayer for our Parish Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful priest, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

MEETINGS & EVENTS

Sunday, November 12th

Fellowship Hour

Tuesday, November 14th

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, November 16th

Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Sunday, November 19th

Samaritan's Purse Christmas Boxes Due



Amanda Groome, and Harriet Willis-Graham, our Administrative Assistants, are available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

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stjameshollywood@gmail.com

*Please note, all bulletin announcements and prayer requests must be received in the Parish Office by **Thursday at 2:00 p.m.** in order to be published in the following Sunday's bulletin.*

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.

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