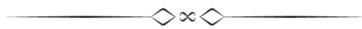


St. James'
Episcopal Church
LEESBURG, VIRGINIA

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST



JANUARY 29, 2023

7:45 A.M.

Founded in 1812

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WELCOME

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life.

NURSERY AND CHILDREN'S CHAPEL

Children are always welcome in worship! If needed, Nursery care is available during our 10 a.m. service. The Nursery is located through the front left doors of the sanctuary. Go through the Parish Hall and up the stairs—the Nursery is around the corner from the kitchen. All children under 10 are welcome to come up for a short children's sermon, followed by Children's Chapel in the Parish Hall. Children's Chapel is for ages 4 to 10; however, ages 3 and under are welcome to attend Children's Chapel with a guardian. We will celebrate God's love through music and a brief activity before rejoining our families to take part in the Eucharist.

GUEST PREACHER: THE REV. DR. MARK JEFFERSON

Today we welcome The Rev. Mark Andrew Jefferson, Ph.D. as our preacher. Dr. Jefferson is Assistant Professor of Homiletics (Preaching) and the Associate Director of the Deep Calls to Deep Preaching Program. He is also an internationally respected preacher and teacher of preachers. Virginia Theological Seminary is honoring its 200th anniversary on October 15, 2023, and in contribution to this effort, Dr. Jefferson is currently preaching 200 sermons locally, nationally, and internationally in the years leading up to the Historic Bicentenary.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

***People* And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, you govern all things both in heaven and on earth: Mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and in our time grant us your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE FIRST READING

MICAH 6:1-8

Read by Bill Brooks

Hear what the LORD says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the LORD, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the LORD has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. "O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the LORD." "With what shall I come before the LORD, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? Will the LORD be pleased with thousands of rams, with tens of thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?" He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Read responsively by alternating whole verse.

PSALM 15

- 1 LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle? *
who may abide upon your holy hill?

- 2 **Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right, *
who speaks the truth from his heart.**

- 3 There is no guile upon his tongue;
he does no evil to his friend; *
he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

- 4 **In his sight the wicked is rejected, *
but he honors those who fear the LORD.**

- 5 He has sworn to do no wrong *
and does not take back his word.

- 6 **He does not give his money in hope of gain, *
nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.**

- 7 Whoever does these things *
shall never be overthrown.

THE SECOND READING

I CORINTHIANS 1:18-31

Read by Jeff Brannock

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength. Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of

your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, "Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The people stand for the reading of the Gospel.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE REV. DR. MARK JEFFERSON

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

**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.
Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

Led by Jeff Brannock

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for our presiding bishop, Michael; for our bishop, Mark; for our seminarian, Kara; and for all bishops, priests, and deacons.

That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

We lift up all those on our prayer list, remembering especially...have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest;

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Kneeling or standing as able.

Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A moment of silence.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee 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 thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name. Amen.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

THE OFFERTORY



The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world. You may now make your offering by scanning the QR code on the left.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, thou hast caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of thy glory in the face of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Hosts:

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord Most High.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect

sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial of thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, our selves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same

Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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

INVITATION

The people are seated.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving..

Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to welcome all who are baptized to receive the bread at Communion. Please come forward to the altar. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Said by all, kneeling or standing.

Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

The Celebrant blesses the people and the people respond AMEN.

Please turn as the cross recesses down the aisle.

THE DISMISSAL

Alleluia, Alleluia! Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia!

Prayer Requests

THOSE REQUESTING OUR PRAYERS THIS WEEK: Crossley Hawn, Michelle Jones, Virginia Laughlin, George Burghardt, Eeda Dennis, Debbie Gegenheimer, the Semeraro family, Steve Page and the Page family, Nancy Sullivan, Mike Carren, Bruce Bucklin, Belinda Moore, Alice Lynn, & Barbara Rose.

THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS: Those affected by COVID-19, the people of Ukraine and those involved in the Ukraine war, those who are unemployed or underemployed, those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.



ADULT FORUM

The Bible: What is it and where did it come from?

Join us this Sunday as we discuss the origin and history of the Bible led by Michael Fabian.

We will meet in the Parish Hall on January 29 from 9:00 – 9:45 a.m.

Michael Fabian has a Master's degree in Religious Education and has served as a high school teacher, campus minister, and adult faith formation director. He has given presentations on religious topics in 13 states and Canada. In 2000, he built an interdenominational coalition of over 100 church communities to come together to celebrate 2000 years of Christianity. The event, Christians Celebrating Together, was attended by over 2300 people. Mike and his wife Lori are new members of St. James' and live in Brambleton with their daughter Genevieve.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY READY TO LAUNCH!

A dedicated planning team has been working on the initial phase of our new Women's Ministry and we are ready to start! Here's what we have planned:

Bible Study: We will hold a book study Sundays January 29-February 26 at 2 p.m. in the Janney Parlor. Facilitated by Trudy Gross, we will read the book *Bible Women: All Their Words and Why They Matter* by Lindsay Hardin Freeman.

Brunch and Service Project: Saturday, March 25 at 9 a.m. in the Parish Hall. Our speaker will be a representative of the Loudoun Abused Women's Shelter (LAWS). We are in the process of developing a service project to meet the needs of LAWS.

A Mothers Group is in the beginning planning stages, as is a Women's Retreat. If you have questions or would like to help with these activities, contact Cindy Helba by email at cynthiahelba@gmail.com or by phone at 703-447-1614.

LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Over the past several months you may have noticed a parishioner approaching the altar just before the final blessing to receive a box and special prayer. These individuals are called Lay Eucharistic Visitors (LEVs). These parishioners are sent forth from the altar where the St. James' Family has shared Holy Communion together. The consecrated bread and wine they carry to parishioners who cannot attend in person serve as a symbol of our unity in Christ. This unity transcends the boundaries of time and space, providing a sense of connection with all in our community. LEVs are part of the Pastoral Associates Ministry at St. James'. For more information about how to serve in this vital ministry or to receive a visit from a Lay Eucharistic Visitor, please email info@stjamesleesburg.org or call 703-777-1124.

2023 PARISH PHOTO DIRECTORY NOW AVAILABLE

A complimentary pictorial directory is available in the narthex to all those who submitted or had their picture taken for the new parish directory. Please pick up yours this Sunday.

ST. JAMES' PRESCHOOL 2023-2024 REGISTRATION

Our registration process will begin January 18. We will enroll children as follows: Parishioners of St. James' and St. Gabriel's followed by current students and siblings. Registration for graduated student siblings, alumni and community members begins January 25. For more information please contact Janet Stayrook, Preschool Director, at 703-777-8439.

ANGEL TREE PRISON FELLOWSHIP UPDATE

Many thanks to all who participated in this year's Prison Fellowship Angel Tree. Your outpouring of generosity and support was tremendous. Your gifts, plus a special message of God's love, have been delivered to children whose parents are incarcerated. We were so happy to have longtime members and especially newer members at the wrapping party. We look forward to having this special ministry be an annual event!

UPCOMING EVENTS

St. James' will be offering the Sacrament of Baptism on **Sunday, February 19** at the 10:00 a.m. service. If you're interested in being baptized or having a child baptized, please email info@stjameselesburg.org or call 703-777-1124

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2023

- 29 SUNDAY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
7:45 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I (in-person)
9:00 a.m. Adult Forum - Parish Hall
10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II (in-person & live-streamed)
4:00 p.m. Grace to Go - Leesburg Apartments
5:00 p.m. YOUP Meeting - Youth Room
- 30 MONDAY**
7:00 p.m. Contemplative Prayer - Nave
7:00 p.m. Men's Service Ministry Meeting - Youth Room
- 31 TUESDAY**
- 1 WEDNESDAY**
11:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 2 THURSDAY**
8:30 p.m. AA - Parish Hall
- 3 FRIDAY**
- 4 SATURDAY**
- 5 SUNDAY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**
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SERVING THIS SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2023

	7:45 A.M.	10:00 A.M.
ACOLYTES	BECKY CRISMAN	JOHN PENBERTHY
READERS	BILL BROOKS JEFF BRANNOCK	JANE ROTH CHRIS CUELLAR
INTERCESSOR	JEFF BRANNOCK	MARK SUTTON
LEMS	KAY GREGG	KEN GETTY RACHELLE GRAVES TERRY PREVOST WAYNE NEWELL
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EUCCHARISTIC VISITOR		--
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Melissa Sutton

LAY DELEGATES

Dottie Brannock

George Garlick

Jane Roth (alternate)

WORSHIP IN PERSON AND ONLINE

Sundays, 7:45 a.m. Rite I

Sundays, 10:00 a.m. Rite II (live-streamed)

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Learn more at stjamesleesburg.org/st-james-livestreaming

IN NEED OF PRAYER; IN NEED OF CARE?

"In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified."

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

If you need pastoral care or prayer please let us know!

If you are in need of pastoral care, please fill out the form and place it in the offering plate or use the resources below:

THE CHURCH OFFICE

(M-TH, 10A.M. TO 3 P.M.)

(703)777-1124

AFTER HOURS PASTORAL CARE LINE

(202)750-4247

Needed prayer for: Yourself Someone Else

Name(s): _____

Details (Optional): _____

Would you like to be added to the Prayer List? Yes No

Do you need Pastoral Care (a visit, a phone call, etc.)? Yes No

Can we send you a card? Yes No

Address: _____

Would you like to set up a time to talk with the Rector? Yes No

Comments: _____

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