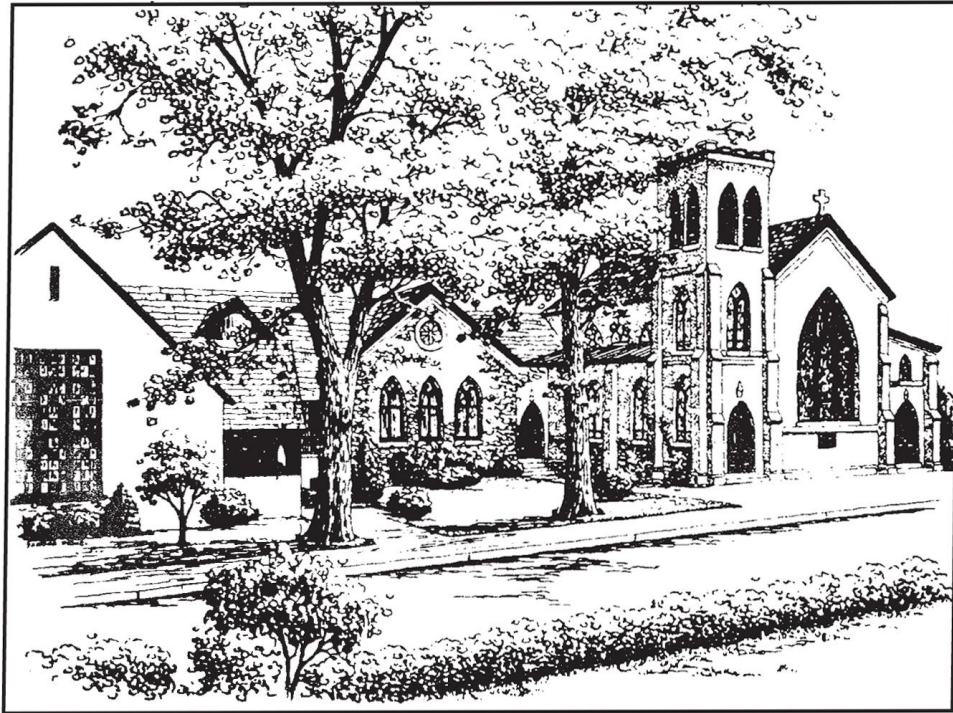


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



The Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

10:15am

19 November 2017

The Rt. Rev. Shannon S. Johnston, *Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia*

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The Holy Eucharist

Handbell Prelude: Westminster Carillon

Dan Edwards (b.1951)

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Hymn: 598 Lord Christ, When First thou Cam'st to Earth

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Gathering Sentences

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Collect for Purity

Presider Let us pray.

People **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.**

Benedictus es, Domine: S 236

THE PEOPLE SING THE "BENEDICTUS, ES, DOMINE," WHICH IS FOUND IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

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.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider 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 PEOPLE SIT.

Lector A Reading from Judges

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the Lord, after Ehud died. And the Lord sold them into the hand of Jabin king of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sis'era, who dwelt in Haro'sheth-ha-goim. Then the people of Israel cried to the Lord for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and oppressed the people of Israel cruelly for 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.'"

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SILENCE IS PROVIDED TO REFLECT ON GOD'S WORD.



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

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Lector A Reading from First Thessalonians.

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.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

A PERIOD OF SILENCE IS PROVIDED TO REFLECT ON GOD’S WORD.

Sequence Hymn: Lead Me, Guide Me

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.



1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right-eous-ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am

help me o-ver my weak-est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa-tan and sin op-press. I am put-ting
 blind with-out thy Light to see, Lord, just al-ways

dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 let me thy ser-vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

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The Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14-30

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

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

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.'"

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Randolph C. Charles

SILENCE IS PROVIDED TO REFLECT ON GOD'S GOSPEL MESSAGE FOR US TODAY.

The Nicene Creed

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

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 IV

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, that we may honor one another and serve the common good. We pray for Donald our President, the Congress and Supreme Court, and all the leaders of the nations of the world. We pray especially for Hunter, Mark, Warren, Madeleine Blodgett, Helen Emory, Todd, James, Tom Spector, their families and all deployed in harm's way.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. We pray for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, Susan and Ted our Bishops, Ben and Randolph our clergy, and Seldon our seminarian.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We pray especially for Saunee Hamlett, Thea Lancaster, Joey, Batie, Karen, Laura, George, Glorybeth, Bev, Melba, Debbie, Dan, Meredith, Lindsay, Gina, Kendra, Carol, Marisa, Donna, Marie, Iris, and for those whom we now name _____.

THE PEOPLE MAY ADD THEIR OWN INTERCESSIONS EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

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

THE PEOPLE MAY ADD THEIR OWN THANKSGIVINGS EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

THE PEOPLE MAY ADD THEIR OWN PRAYERS EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Concluding Collect

Presider Lord, hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

THE PEOPLE KNEEL AS THEY ARE ABLE.

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.

Absolution

Presider 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 AS THEY ARE ABLE.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Liturgy of the Table

Offertory Sentence

THE PEOPLE SIT AFTER THE PRESIDERS SAYS THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE.

Offertory Anthem: There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

arr. Mark Schweizer

There's a wideness in God's mercy like the wideness of the sea;

there's a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;

there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

There is no place where earth's sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;

there is no place where earth's failings have such kindly judgment given.

There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;

there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.

For the love of god is broader than the measure of the mind;

and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;

and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.

Presentation Hymn: 389, vs. 1& 6 Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Monkland

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGREGATION MAKE OFFERINGS OF BREAD, WINE AND MONEY AT THE ALTAR.

Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer A

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every- where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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:

Sanctus: S 124

THE PEOPLE SING THE "SANCTUS," WHICH IS FOUND IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

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.

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

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."

Presider Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

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 for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has 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.

Breaking of the Bread

Christ our Passover: S 154

THE PEOPLE SING THE "CHRIST OUR PASSOVER," WHICH IS FOUND IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Invitation to Receive Communion

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

THE PEOPLE COME FORWARD TO THE ALTAR AT THE DIRECTION OF THE USHERS.

THE PEOPLE JOIN THE CHOIR IN SINGING THE COMMUNION HYMNS.

Communion Hymn: 571 All Who Love and Serve Your City

Communion Hymn: 574 Before Thy Throne, O God, We Kneel

Charlestown
St. Petersburg

Postcommunion Prayer

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

Presider Let us pray.

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 Blessing

Sending Hymn: 561 Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Morning Light

Sending Sentences

Gospeler Our worship is now ended, and our service in the world begins.

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Postlude in D-minor

Flor Peeters (1903 -1986)



We Welcome all Newcomers and Visitors to Saint James'!

We are glad you are here with us today!

Please feel free to join in our worship or merely sit and listen. We want you to feel comfortable. At various times in the service, people may stand, sit or kneel and you may join as you are comfortable or able. Please do not feel you must do anything.

Children are especially welcome in our midst. If you have small children with you this morning you might wish to pick up some crayons and coloring material from the table at the rear of the church.

Children from age 3 to 5th grade are invited to attend Sunday School after the announcements. They will rejoin their families in the main worship service at the time of the Peace.

Nursery There is a Nursery available for children ages four and under at the foot of the stairway by the main entrance.

You will find **Prayer Books** in the pew racks with a Black Cover and a Gold Cross on the front. **The Hymnal 1982** has a red cover and the service music is toward the front of the book and marked with a number preceded by an "S". The hymns are toward the rear of the book and labeled with a number only.

Communion We invite you to share with us in communion as you are led by God. Ushers will direct you to the altar rail or will notify the communion ministers to bring communion to you if you find walking or climbing the stairs difficult. We train for this and are happy to come to you. You are welcome to stand or kneel at the rail. It is customary to receive the bread by holding up your hands with palms facing upward and the minister will place the bread in your hands. To receive the wine, you may either take the base of the chalice and guide the cup to your lips or if you hold the wafer up the minister will lower the chalice so that you may dip or intinct the bread in the wine. If you do not wish to receive the wine, or, if you only wish to receive a blessing at the rail, please come to the main altar, cross your arms with your hands on your shoulders so that the priest may know to bless you. ***Gluten Free wafers are available on request.***