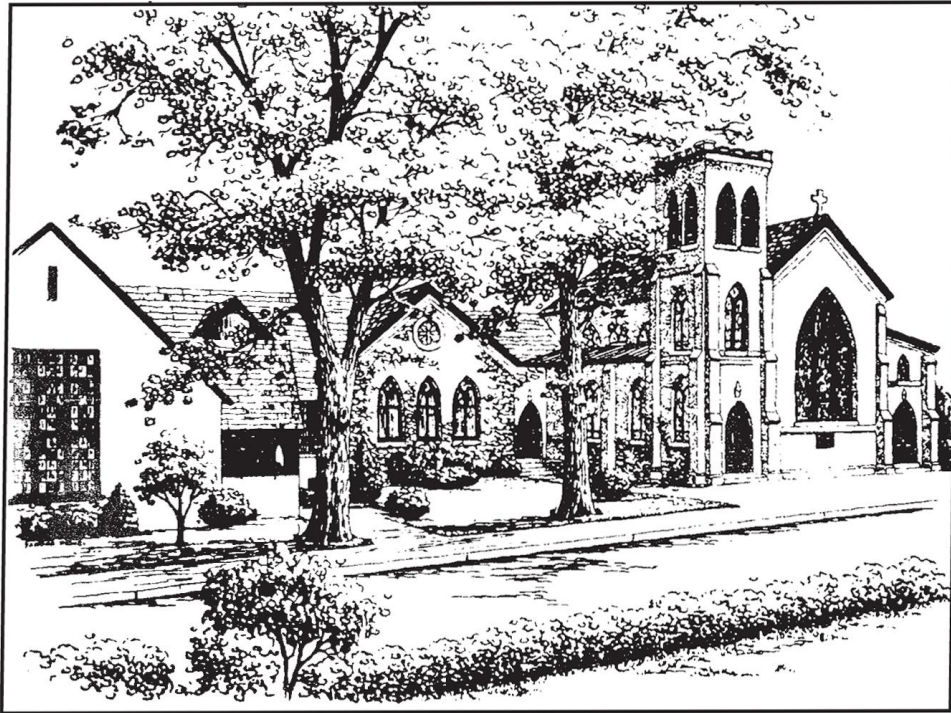


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

10:15am

11 February 2018

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The Holy Eucharist

Handbell Prelude: Song of Joy

Arnold Sherman

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Word

Gathering Hymn:460 Alleluia, Sing to Jesus

Hyfrydol

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.**

Gloria: S-280

THE PEOPLE SING THE "GLORIA," WHICH IS FOUND IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL, S-280.

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

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

2 Kings 2:1-12

THE PEOPLE SIT.

Lector A Reading from Second Kings.

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent." Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent." Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do

for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Psalm

Psalm 50:1-6

ANGLICAN CHANT

1 The Lord, the God of gods, has spoken; * he has called the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

2 Out of Zion, perfect in its beauty, * God reveals himself in glory.

3 Our God will come and will not keep silence; *

before him there is a consuming flame, and round about him a raging storm.

4 He calls the heavens and the earth from above * to witness the judgment of his people.

5 “Gather before me my loyal followers, *

those who have made a covenant with me and sealed it with sacrifice.”

6 Let the heavens declare the rightness of his cause; * for God himself is judge.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Lector A Reading from Second Corinthians.

If our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: 427 When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

The Holy Gospel

Mark 9:2-9

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

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

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Benjamin Wells Maas

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

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 II

THE PEOPLE REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

DURING THE SILENCE, THE PEOPLE MAY OFFER THEIR OWN PRAYERS, EITHER SILENTLY OR ALOUD.

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, for this gathering, and for all ministers and people.
Pray for the Church, especially for Michael our Presiding Bishop, Shannon, Susan and Ted our Bishops, Ben and Randolph our clergy, Seldon our seminarian, and for Saint James' Episcopal Church and School.

Silence

I ask your prayers for peace, for goodwill among nations, and for the well-being of all people, especially Hunter, Mark, Warren, Madeleine Blodgett, Helen Emory, Todd, James, Tom Spector, their families and all deployed in harm's way, and for the President, Congress, and Supreme Court of the United States.

Pray for justice and peace.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

Pray for those in any need or trouble, especially Geri, Betsy, Bill, Carrie, Barbara, Saunee Hamlett, Thea Lancaster, Joey, Batie, Karen, Laura, Melba, Debbie, Dan, Meredith, Kendra, Carol, Marisa, Donna, Marie, Iris, and for those we now name...

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of God.

Pray that they may find and be found by God.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed.

Pray for those who have died.

Silence

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored.

Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

Silence

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

THE PEOPLE KNEEL AS THEY ARE ABLE.

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

People 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: A Star Shall Rise Out of Jacob

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

A star shall rise up out of Jacob, and a scepter shall come out of Israel. And dash in pieces princes and nations. As bright the star of morning gleams. So Jesus sheddeth glorious beams, of light and consolation! Thy Word, O Lord, Radiance darting, truth imparting, gives salvation; Thine be praise and adoration!

Presentation Hymn: 124, vs. 4 & 5

Puer Nobis

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

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

**O Jesus, while the star of grace impels us on to seek thy face,
let not our slothful hearts refuse the guidance of thy light to use.**

**To God the Father, heavenly Light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.**

The Great Thanksgiving: Eucharistic Prayer B

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 everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son 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-125

THE PEOPLE SING THE "SANCTUS," WHICH IS FOUND IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL, S-125.

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 REMAIN STANDING OR KNEEL.

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,

People We remember his death, we proclaim his resurrection, we await his coming in glory;

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 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,

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-155

THE PEOPLE SING THE "CHRIST OUR PASSOVER," WHICH IS FOUND IN THE FRONT OF THE HYMNAL, S-155.

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 NOW COME FORWARD TO RECEIVE COMMUNION.

THE PEOPLE JOIN THE CHOIR IN SINGING THE COMMUNION HYMNS.

Communion Hymn: 133 O Light of Light, Love Given Birth

Elmhurst

Communion Hymn: 336 Come With Us, O Blessed Jesus

Werde Munter

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: 137 O Wondrous Type, O Vision Fair

Wareham

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



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.

Before the Service Please enter the nave quietly to allow everyone assembled there to prepare for worship. If you wish to greet friends before worship, you might want to do so in the Cafe in the Parish Hall. As you prepare in silence for our service, you might wish to use some of these resources in the Book of Common Prayer.

Prayers for Healing – pages 458 – 461

Prayers for the Dying - pages 462 – 465

Prayers for Families – pages 828 – 829

Prayers for National Life - pages 820 - 823

Various forms of Thanksgiving may be found on pages 836 – 841

After a brief welcome, we will observe two minutes of silence before beginning the opening hymn.

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.

Hearing Assistance We have devices in the back of the church, which any usher can get for you. There are two options with the hearing assistance receivers. First, you can simply use the ear piece (or headphones if you prefer) directly. Second, if you have digital hearing aids, you can use the "T-loop," which is placed around your neck and is designed to work with your hearing aids. If you have questions that cannot be answered Sunday at church, please call the office and we will put you in touch with someone who can assist you. We want everybody to be able to hear and to fully participate in our worship.

Video Stream & Archives If you cannot attend a Sunday 10:15 or special Wednesday evening service, you can watch it live by going to our YouTube channel. Click on the YouTube icon under the red doors on our website home page. Additionally, all of these services and the sermons are archived on the same channel. If you have any questions or need help, please call the office and we will put you in touch with someone who can assist you.