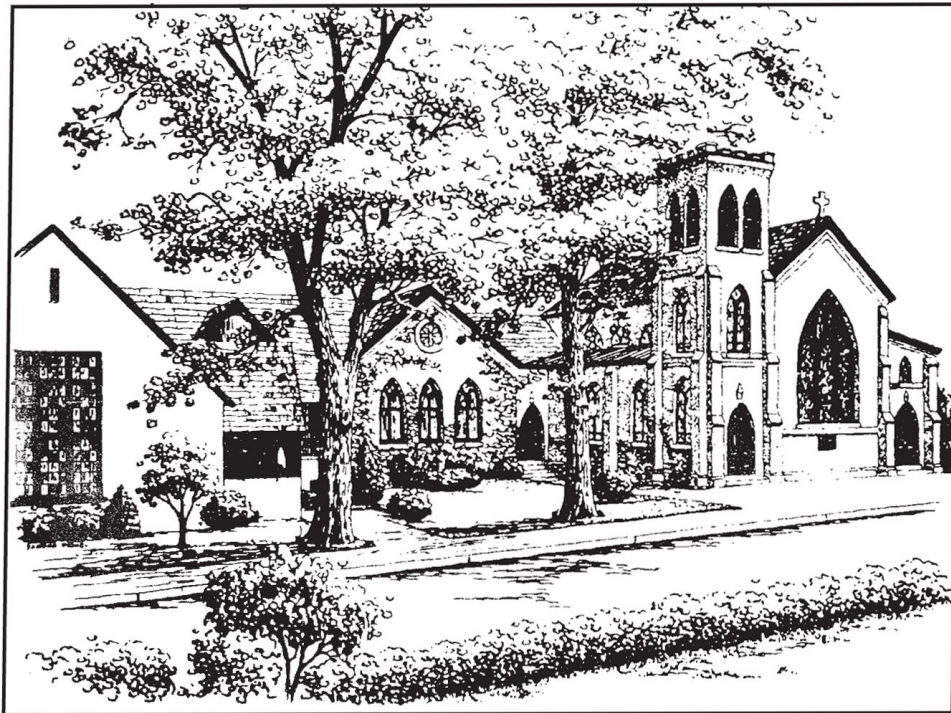


Saint James' Episcopal Church

Warrenton, Virginia



The Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

10:15am

February 5, 2023

The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, *Bishop Diocesan*

The Rt. Rev. Susan E. Goff, *Bishop Suffragan*

The Rt. Rev. Edwin F. "Ted" Gulick, Jr., *Visiting Bishop*

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The Holy Eucharist

Announcements

Prelude: Prelude in D Major

by Johann Christian Kittel (1732-1809)

The Liturgy of the Word

THE PEOPLE STAND

Gathering Sentences

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

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

Opening Hymn: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

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.

Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Let us pray.

Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a

THE PEOPLE SIT.

Lector A Reading Isaiah.

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins. Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practiced righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgments, they delight to draw near to God. "Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?" Look, you serve your own interest on your fast day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord? Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin? Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 488 Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my Heart

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot. "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Rev. Benjamin W. Maas

THE PEOPLE SIT.

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 VI

THE PEOPLE STAND.

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

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

For this community, the nation, and the world;

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

For the just and proper use of your creation;

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

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble, especially for those in the armed forces, their families and all deployed in harm's way.

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; especially our Common Threads ministry and the faithful and growing relationship between First Baptist Church and Saint James' Episcopal Church;

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

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Mark and Susan our Bishops, Ben and Ted our clergy, and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of Saint James' Episcopal Church and School, especially for Taryn, Bob, Annette, Joany, Patricia, Anne, Erin, Tanya, Lewis, Linda, Tara, Sally, Margot, Dorothy, Judi, Allie, Richard, Amy, Carole, Ted, Effie, Gary, Samim (Sah-meem), Gene, Joy, Abby, Reggie, Gran Agha and his family, Jim, Bonnie, Ruth, Fred and Alexa; and for those whom we now name either silently or aloud _____.

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We give thanks for our many blessings, which we now name either silently or aloud _____.

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name forever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The people may add their own prayers either silently or aloud.

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

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

Silence may be kept.

Leader and People:

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.

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

THE PEOPLE SIT BEFORE THE PRESIDERS SAY THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Reflection: If Ye Love Me

by Thomas Tallis (1505-1585)
Saint James' Adult Choir

THE PEOPLE STAND AS THEY ARE ABLE AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE CONGREGATION MAKE OFFERINGS OF BREAD, WINE, AND MONEY AT THE ALTAR.

Doxology: Hymn 380 vs. 3

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

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 you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

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 and Benedictus: S-130

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full, 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: S-154

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: 339 Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness

Communion Hymn: 419 Lord of all Being, Throned Afar

Communion Hymn: 371 Thou Whose Almighty Word

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: 381 Thy Strong Word Did Cleave the Darkness

Sending Sentences

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

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God! Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Postlude: Menuet Gothique from Suite Gothique, Op. 25

by Léon Boëllmann (1862-1897)



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Welcome QR Code

Welcome to Saint James' Warrenton. Whether this is your first time visiting or you have been coming for a while now, we'd like to make sure we know who you are, and that you know more about us and our programs and ministries. If you would like to learn more, please take a minute to use this QR code to open our visitor card.

Announcements

10-Year Celebration: Please join us today in celebrating Father Ben's 10-year anniversary at Saint James' after the 10:15 service in the parish hall. We will have cake, a slideshow and share some memories with Ben, Anna, Elliott and Lauralee. Hope to see you there!

New Vestry Members: We are glad to welcome our four new vestry members – Lori Working, Lucian Niemeyer, Gita Grady, and Chris Giglio. We are also grateful for the service of our retiring vestry members, Senior Warden, Bené Giglio, Penny Dart, Jim Kiffney. Steve Pearson, who was part of the 2023 Vestry class and has been our clerk for the past three years, was voted in by the vestry to fulfill a vacated one-year term. We are also grateful for Mary Battaglia's work as Jr. Warden, and Colin Borgstrom's service as treasurer.

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) meets this Monday, February 6th at 7pm. We'll be gathering at Saint James and playing a murder mystery game. Please bring a beverage of your choice and if you'd like, a light snack to share. Please let us know if you have any questions. Hope to see you on Monday! Margy + Jen mweastham@gmail.com
jennifer.taylor@saintjameswarrenton.org

Outreach Volunteer Opportunity at People Helping People in the basement of Saint James. Need 2-3 volunteers once a month for 3 hours or more anytime between Monday through Friday from 9am to noon. 1 Hour training session to answer phones, assist applicants and fill out applications for emergency funding for people in need of housing and utility bills. Please contact Ed Wright 703-282-2372 wrightrealty5@gmail.com or Elfie Schmid feschmid9@gmail.com.

Greeters Needed: We have the best group of Greeters, however, we are in need of more team members. We are short on Greeters especially for the 8:00 am service. Won't you please join our fun group? Contact Toni Shreve toniandjims@comcast.net or Nancy in the church office and let her know you want to be a part of this dynamic and important ministry!



Mardi Gras Party: Join us on Shrove Tuesday, February 21 from 6-8pm in the Parish Hall for a night of fun and fellowship. Here are some of the highlights that will happen that night:

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| Silver Tones Dixieland Band | New Orleans style dinner |
| King Cake | Crowning of the King and Queen |
| Costumes welcomed | Masks and beads for all |
| Fun activities for kids | \$6 per person, \$24 max per family |

RSVP to help us plan: Reserve and pay at Eventbrite (see your weekly email, use this QR Code below or sign up on bulletin board next to Parish Hall and pay at the door.



We are offering 2 service times for Ash Wednesday, noon and at 7pm on Wednesday, February 22. Each service we will celebrate communion and have the imposition of ashes.

This Week at Saint James'

Today:

8am, Holy Eucharist
8:45am, Coffee Hour
9am, Adult Formation
10:15am, Holy Eucharist
10:15am, Children's Church
11:30am, Reception for Fr. Ben
5pm, Middle School Youth Mtg.
6:30pm, High School Youth Mtg.

Monday:

7pm, ECW Meeting

Tuesday:

10am, Adult Formation
7pm, Bell Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday:

9am, EfM Meeting
12pm, Noon Service

Thursday:

7:30am, Chapel & Discussion
7pm, Choir Rehearsal

Saturday:

7:30am, Men's Bible Study
9am, Wood Ministry

Sunday: Feb 12

8am, Holy Eucharist
8:45am, Café/Coffee Hour
9:15am, Adult Formation
10:15am, Holy Eucharist
10:15am, Children's Church
6:30pm, High School Youth Mtg.

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Finance Office: Call to make an appointment

High School Youth Group ski trip to Seven Springs: The High School youth group is looking forward to once again hitting the slopes at Seven Springs Mountain Resort on **March 3rd - 5th**. The cost of the trip is **\$181** for youth with skis/boards and **\$330** for those that need to rent. **Helmets are required.** Students are responsible for all meals and should bring extra money for any additional activities they may want to do (bowling, tubing, etc.). We will depart on Friday late afternoon and return on Sunday evening. Please note that students will not be permitted to drive to the resort. Youth leaders will be available to drive. Let us know if your student will attend and please reach out if you have any questions. Jen Taylor jennifer.taylor@saintjameswarrenton.org

WHAT CAN I DO? Welcome to a new section of The Green Corner. We'll focus on actions that we as individuals can take to heal our planet. This is a place to share ideas and changes that you've made. To start, let's deal with a product that permeates our lives: plastic. Almost all plastic is made from chemicals derived from fossil fuels. According to a study described in a 2021 issue of Environmental Research, burning fossil fuels causes 10.2 million people to die every year. It's the primary driver of climate change. Plastic pollutes our land, rivers, oceans, and is even found in the Arctic and Antarctic. Microplastics are in fish, human blood and placentas. Twenty to 500 years pass while plastic decomposes. It's very difficult to stop using plastic. But we can cut down. One way is to only purchase bars of soap that are wrapped in paper. These can be found in grocery stores, or ordered from local soap makers. What ideas can you share? Send them to alisaboozetroetschel@hotmail.com for inclusion in The Green Corner.

February Service Project - Healthy Teeth Drive: The Fauquier Free Dental Clinic provides appointments to both adults and children in need in Fauquier and Rappahannock counties! **They need children's and adult toothpaste and toothbrushes.** Donation collection ends Tuesday, February 28, 2023. Please place your donation in the bin on the Parish Hall stage. Thank you for your support!



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