

John of the Cross

December 14, 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

(Please stand)

Opening Acclamation

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

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen

The Collect for Purity

Celebrant:

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.*

(Please kneel or stand)

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Judge eternal, throned in splendor, you gave Juan de la Cruz strength of purpose and mystical faith that sustained him even through the dark night of the soul: Shed your light on all who love you, in unity with Jesus Christ our Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

(Please stand)

A Reading from the First Book of Kings

(1 Kings 19:1-9)

Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O LORD, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the LORD came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and

eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you.” He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Psalm 121

(Psalm 2:5-11)

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills; *

from where is my help to come?

2 My help comes from the LORD, *

the maker of heaven and earth.

3 He will not let your foot be moved *

and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

4 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel *

shall neither slumber nor sleep;

5 The LORD himself watches over you; *

the LORD is your shade at your right hand,

6 So that the sun shall not strike you by day, *

nor the moon by night.

7 The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; *

it is he who shall keep you safe.

8 The LORD shall watch over your going out and your coming in, *

from this time forth for evermore.

(Please stand)

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ According to John

(John 16:12-22)

Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, “I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Susan Riis

(Please stand)

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.

(Please kneel or stand)

The Prayers of the People, Form VI
The Leader and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

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

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Wayne, our Provisional Bishop, Robert our Rector, Kathryn and Rob our Priests Associate, Robert and Susan our Deacons, and all bishops and other ministers
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence
The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life;
Silence
The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom
Silence
The People may add their own petitions

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.

The Absolution

Almighty God have mercy on you and 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 Celebrant says to the people
Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People: And also, with you.

The Ministers and People greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The Offertory

Celebrant:

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us,
an offering and sacrifice to God.

(Please Stand)

At the Presentation of the Offering

The Doxology

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. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also, with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

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

A Proper Preface may be added here.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and people:

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.

(Please stand or kneel)

The Celebrant continues

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."

Celebrant and people:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

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 St. James and 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,

The Lord's Prayer

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

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.

Fraction Anthem: Christ our Passover

Celebrant: [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Fraction Anthem: 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.

The Celebrant says the following invitation

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.

Communion of the People

In the Episcopal Tradition, we believe in the Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist. We welcome all baptized individuals to join us for communion.

(Please kneel or stand)

Post-communion Prayer

Celebrant and 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.*

Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and mind in the knowledge and love of God, and his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People Thanks be to God.

December Birthdays

- 1 Bob Welsh
- 14 Rob Morris III
- 18 Mike Knell
- 21 Tim Linn
- 24 Karl Saunders
- 27 Margaret Brown

Anniversaries

- 29 Bud and Lynn Linn

December 6, 2022

Newsletter

FROM FR. ROB ~

I am happy to share that the Taylor-McHenry foundation is giving yet another grant to St. James. This grant will help cover most of the expenses for our new handicapped door opener that was recently installed. My thanks to our Junior Warden for her diligence in taking care of this project. This is a significant benefit for our parish.

The Rector of St. James serves on this board. Special thanks to Beth Burton who wrote the application for this grant. Beth has made it her special gift to our parish to give her time to write all of our grant applications.

I had a recent conversation with our diocesan Missioner. Fr. Michael Ralph is the Diocesan Missioner to our Southeastern Ohio Parishes. His work and help to our parish is one of the benefits our parish receives from our Diocesan Family.

Fr. Ralph shared with me that he applied for a grant from The Episcopal Church Foundation to provide the parishes he serves with a person who helps parishes vision and plan for their future. St. James was included in the beneficiaries of this grant. Thanks to this grant this person's services comes to St. James comes to us free of charge.

As we continue to work with God for the growth of our parish outreach ministries and our parish this free gift should be very helpful.

Our WHIZ commercial continues to air. I'm aware of many people who are seeing it are very impressed by St. James. Twice now my barber has mentioned he thinks it's very good. Yes, even though I'm kinda bald I have a barber who keeps my beard looking sharp.

We began our Saturday 4pm Eucharist. I was very surprised at the turnout. I was grateful to have the help of our wonderful Deacon, The Reverend Susan Riis. Susan drives all the way from her home in Buckeye Lake to serve our parish. She serves us every Wednesday and Sunday. So her Saturday presence was a special extra gift. Please know that this Eucharist will be a stable presence in our parish.

As Advent moves toward Christmas remember you are in my prayers everyday. I feel very Blessed to have a parish that is a true family.

I close by offering thanks to God for you. St. James is indeed a place of great Holiness.

Don't forget to remember me in your prayers.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Rob+

VESTRY CANDIDATES ~

Carol Thompson has requested that her name be removed from the list of candidates. Additional nominations made be made during the Annual Meeting, January 15th, with the nominee's permission.

Sr. Warden nominee – Eric Blake; Jr. Warden nominee – Vickie MacLaine, vestry seat nominees – Susan Benson, and Barbara Murrell.

LIVE STREAMING EQUIPMENT ~

Well – we had another snag. The installer was sick!
We're waiting for the reschedule

PLEDGE LETTERS ~

Thank you to those who have returned your pledge letters so quickly! It helps greatly when the Finance4 Committee works on the budget for 2023. You can still send those pledge in – there are copies in the back of the church. If you wish to have a box of offertory envelopes, please indicate on the letter – even if you do not pledge. I'll have the boxes ready as soon as possible.

THIS SUNDAY, The Third Sunday of Advent, December 11

Our chalice and lector for both services is Beth Burton. Ushers are Susan Benson and Vickie MacLaine.

UPDATING INFORMATION~

After the first of the year an update on addresses, phone numbers, birthdays and our prayer list will need to occur. Your assistance with these things will be greatly appreciated.

LOADS OF LOVE FOR OUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS AT PEARL HOUSE ~

With the blessing of our Vestry and by the Grace of God, our new outreach program to Pearl House is up and running! Pearl House is a new 34 – unit apartment complex located at the corner of Third and South Streets in downtown Zanesville --- just a few blocks from the doors of St. James. Pearl House offers long-term housing for people in recovery from addiction (and, in some cases, housing for their children and/or partners). Muskingum Behavioral Health (MBH) provides programming for the tenants and their family members. In early Fall, we contacted MBH and asked what needs the tenants at Pearl House may have. One need MBH identified was assistance with laundry. Although Pearl House has a small self-service laundry facility, it is not a free service; when doing their laundry, tenants must supply their own cleaning products and quarters to operate the machines. (The washers cost \$2.00 per load and the dryers cost \$1.50 per load.) Our Vestry agreed to explore how St. James could assist our new downtown neighbors with this need. In November 2022, several of our Vestry members gathered at Pearl House and distributed laundry detergent, stain remover, dryer sheets and, most importantly, rolls of quarters to 19 tenants. To say that our neighbors were appreciative is a understatement --- we received an outpouring of love and gratitude from the tenants. Our current plan is to return to Pearl House on the third Wednesday of each month from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. (The next date is Wednesday, December 21, 2022.)

To make this a sustainable ministry, we need the support of our entire parish. First and foremost, we need your prayers. We also need your help in collecting the needed supplies and, in particular, your help in collecting QUARTERS for use in the Pearl House laundry facility. Soon, we will make plastic containers available for you to take home so that you can conveniently save your spare change and periodically donate it to support this ministry. You are also warmly invited to join us at Pearl House on the third Wednesday of each month (3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.) to meet and enjoy fellowship with our neighbors at Pearl House. For more information about how you can support Loads of Love or other ministries at Pearl House, please contact Tom Tompkins at tjtompkins@live.com or (740)297-0575.

GREENING OF THE CHURCH ~

The decorating of the church will occur immediately following the 10:00 service on December 18th. If you're available, help is appreciated.

CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICES ~

Services for Christmas Eve will be 4:00pm with Santa and 11:00pm with incense.

Christmas Day service will be at 11:00 via ZOOM. The link for the Zoom service will be sent the week prior.

FUTURE EVENTS ~

David Schubach would like you to know ~ ***I will be happy to host the St. James holiday party on Epiphany, Friday, Jan. 6th, 5:30pm.*** More details will be included in the newsletter the closer we get to January.

FRIENDSHIP DINNER~

A Big Thank You to Louise Smith who sponsored the November Friendship Dinner. Thank you to everyone who helped to prepare, to serve, and to clean up after the November 26th Dinner. We served 47 meals at a cost of \$7.66 per meal. Thank you to those who donated pie for the dessert. We hope that the number of guests increase in the months to come. Vickie MacLaine has placed flyers at various locations in Zanesville letting people know when our dinner is held.

Our December Friendship Dinner will be on December 17. The reason for the change is due to the fact that Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve are on Saturday's this year.

There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the Undercroft. Please consider helping to serve this meal.

Winter Wear was offered to our guests at the November Friendship Dinner. Our guests were pleased to receive these gifts. Thank you to those who donated men's and women's gloves and women's socks. We will offer the winter wear at the December Dinner also.

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| PRAYER LIST |
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Our Military

Zachary Spiker

Audrey Spiker

Ben Spiker

Jacob Spiker

We pray also for:

Jane and Sharon Donoho

Jim Hoskinson

Deborah Robinson Sekou

Cindy Yost

Mary Lou Eagleson

Judy Sowell

John Graham

Joann Huntwork

Fr. Rob Willmann

Melissa Gabriel

Shirley Stephens

Gary Michael

Greg Meadows

Katie Shannon

Barbara Schriefer

Jim Cope

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| Dave Michael | Dr. Kathleen Riley |
| Jim Horton | Sarah Merikkam |
| Greta Hauser | Bev Urschel |
| George Preston | Eileen Adams |
| Andrea Salahub | Susan Nichols |
| Rudy Arnold | Bob Oppenheimer |
| Theresa Bray | Lisa Ferguson |
| Stephanie Schwieterman | Cris Morrison |
| Ruth Anderson | Sharon Bauer |
| Cathy Rice | Dan and Brenda Ransom |
| Beth Fineran | Brooke Anderson |
| Becky Yinger | Kane Warden |
| Teri Chacon | Janet Slack |
| Larry and Charline Jeffers | Sam Plummer |
| Mark Steen | Dennis Grimes |
| Richard Sands | Donna Rush |
| Steve Averill | EJ Spiker |
| Azalea Miranda | Stephanie Sherman |
| Karen Siegfriedt | Susan Spiker |
| Randy McCandless | Charlee Daniels |
| David Desquin | Marcus Gaiters |
| Anthony Gillespie | Tim and Sherry Dickerson |
| John Blair | Donna Hutchins |
| El-Doree Jordan | Tom Ischy |
| Glenn Kirkbride | Julia Carpenter |
| Janice Campfield | Katie |