



**St. James' Episcopal Church
Eucharist Rite II**

**The First Sunday after the Epiphany:
The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ**

**Celebrant: The Reverend Zachary Drennen
Preacher: The Reverend Joseph Lutz
Deacon: The Reverend Amy McClure**

**January 7, 2024
10:30 AM**

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Vestry Members

<u>2023</u>	<u>2024</u>	<u>2025</u>
Sally Cooper	Emily Chittenden- Laird (Sr)	Dave McClure (Jr)
Earl Haddad	Jody Hammond	Jim Owens
Lucie Refsland	Greg Johnson (Jr)	Bitsy Shaw

Chalicians:

Libby Johnson & Sally Lane

Readers:

Old Testament: David Hammond
Epistle & Prayers of the People: Christine Chwirut

Acolytes

Crucifer: Lucy Skelding
Torchbearers: Hatcher Skelding and Conrad Laird

*"The people of St. James' Church are called to love and serve God.
Through the grace of the Holy Spirit we carry out our ministries through
worship, reaching out to those in need, and helping each other and our
neighbors understand and live by Christ's
commandments."*

Holy Eucharist Rite II

The liturgy for the Holy Eucharist is from the Book of Common Prayer , (the red book) and begins on page 355. Hymns and service music are found in the Hymnal. Numbers preceded by “S” are in the front of the Hymnal. Supplementary hymns are found in the green book, Wonder, Love and Praise (WLP). *Before silencing your cell phones please log on to Facebook (or other social media) and let people know that you are worshipping at St. James’ Episcopal Church, Lewisburg, WV.*

Prelude The St. James’ Ringers
Processional: “Brightest and best” Hymnal #117
The Collect for Purity BCP 355
Gloria Hymnal #S280

The Collect of the Day

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: Amen.

The Gloria **Hymnal #S280**

First Reading: Genesis 1:1-5

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, “Let there be light”; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29 (sung with the choir)

Seated



- 1 Ascribe to the / LORD, you gods,*
ascribe to the LORD / glory / and strength.
 - 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the / beauty of / holiness.
 - 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory / thunders; *
the LORD is upon the / mighty / waters.
 - 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a / voice of / splendor.
 - 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the / cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the / cedars of / Lebanon;
 - 6 He makes Lebanon skip / like a calf; *
and Mount Hermon / like a / young wild ox.
 - 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the / wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilder/ness of / Kadesh.
 - 8 The voice of the LORD makes the / oak trees writhe*
and / strips the / forests bare.
 - 9 And in the temple of the / LORD*
all are / crying, / "Glory!"
 - 10 The LORD sits enthroned a/bove the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as / King for / evermore.
 - 11 The LORD shall give strength to his / people; *
the LORD shall give his people the / blessing / of peace.
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The Epistle Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn “Christ, when for us you were baptized” Hymnal #121

The Gospel: Mark 1:4-11

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, “The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.” In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

The Rev. Joseph Lutz

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

BCP 292

Prayers of the People

Let us pray for the church – especially Grace Church, Elkins, Grace Church, Middleway, Grace Church, St. Mary’s, and Grace Church, Ravenswood. For Michael our presiding bishop, Matthew our bishop, Zach and Joseph our priests and for Amy our deacon, that all may stand fast in the one faith to which they have been called

Lord in your mercy –

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for the world, that all conflicts may cease and that peace may reign in this new year.

Lord in your mercy –

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for this parish; for our presence in this community, for our ministries and for our vestry, that persons may find here with us the means to a deeper relationship with God.

Lord in your mercy –

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for Joseph our president and James our Governor and for ALL who hold authority in the world that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice.

Lord in your mercy –

People: Hear our prayer

Let us pray for St. James’ members who need our prayers; Frank, Rachel, Ron, Gary, John, Helen, Sally, Kay, Judy, Nicole, Cassie, Mark B., David H., and Oscar.

For friends and family members who need our prayer; Earlene Woodman, Tim Lumsden, Wayne, Rhett, Lauryn, David, Ian, Larry B., Carolyn I., Natalie Walter, Erik, Arletta, Lynn, David, John and Barbara Forrester, Gary and Carol Waple, Raina S. Willie, Gerry, Christy, Tommy Sheppard, Curtis Caruthers, Ellen Wygal, and Karen

For those struggling with addiction, for those in recovery, for those in prison.

Lord in your mercy –

People: Hear our prayer

The Peace *(standing)*

The Holy Communion

Offertory: Special Music “We Three Kings of Orient Are” arr. Coates

Oblation Anthem: Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C BCP 369

Sanctus: Hymnal #S130

The Lord’s Prayer BCP 364

Fraction Anthem WLP #875

Repeat after choir and after verses



Be__ known to__ us, Lord. Je - sus, in the break - ing__ of the bread.

Gluten free bread is available. Please ask at the altar rail if that is what you wish to receive. Those with severe allergies or intolerance please let an usher know in advance. If you prefer not to receive communion, you may also come forward for a blessing.

Healing Station—Prayers for anointing for healing are available at the back of the church as you return from communion.

Communion Hymns:

“O love, how deep, how broad, how high” Hymnal #448
“Come to the water” See insert with lyrics

Post Communion Prayer BCP 366

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn “Shall we gather at the river” See insert with lyrics

The Dismissal

Announcements

Join us today for Coffee Hour in the Parish Hall following the 10:30 service.

Adult Formation Class meets at 9:15 am in the Parish Library. We will continue discussing *The Good Book*, by Peter Gomes.

Children and Youth Sunday School: Second grade and younger at 10:30.
Youth Sunday School, which is 3rd through 8th grade, at 9:30 AM.

Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 14 following the 10:30 worship service. This will be a Potluck lunch. Committee leaders are asked to have a brief report for the year 2023 in to Trish by Monday, January 8.

Midweek Service-Wednesday, Jan. 10 at noon

William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury
C-Libby Johnson
L-Dave McClure
M-The Rev. Zach Drennen

Parish Life Committee Meeting

TUESDAY, JANUARY 16—10 AM AT THE WILD BEAN

If anyone would like to be a part of the Parish Life Committee, please plan to join us. We will be looking at the 2024 calendar of events and Shrove Tuesday planning. If you have ideas you wish to share with Parish Life, please let Jody, Emily or Lida know.

Shrove Tuesday-February 13, 2024

Calling all men of St. James' to cook and serve our annual pancake supper. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.

Prayer list update: We will have our annual “scrubbing” of the prayer list by the end of January. If you have someone you want to remove or remain on the prayer list please let Trish know by phone or email. **To submit a name for prayers:** Call or email the church office; 304-645-2588 or trish@lewisburgstjames.org

Kroger Cares

Many of you continue to use your Kroger Cares card when shopping at Kroger and we appreciate it. If you are unfamiliar please go to the Kroger Cares website and sign up to use St. James' as your recipient. It helps that all important “bottom line”. Thank you!

QR Code

We can now accept donations online through the attached QR code. Please, point your phone's camera at the code to access St. James' online donation portal.



Church Office Hours

The Rev. Joseph Lutz will have office hours on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 10 AM to 4 PM and Father Zach Drennen will be in the office Tuesday-Friday 9-4.

Trish will be in the office Tuesday-Friday from 9 to 4.

St. James Directory-Updates

If we do not have your current address, email, and phone numbers please send those into Trish. We plan to have an updated church directory for 2024. Also include your birthdate and anniversaries, month and day only. Plus pictures for our bulletin board are still needed.

Altar Flower Sign-ups

The sign-up sheet for Altar Flowers for the year 2024 is on the table in the Narthex. The cost is \$50 for both vases and \$25 each if shared. Thank you.



*The Poinsettias on the altar are given to the glory of God.

*If you signed up for poinsettias please take your plants this Sunday or they will be disposed of this coming week. Thank you.

