

**St. James's Episcopal Church**

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 5, 2012

9:00 a.m.

**Family Eucharist**

**Prelude**

**Hymn 686:** *Nettleton*, "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Book of Common Prayer*, page 355

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

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

**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.*

**Gloria S280**

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**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* 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.*

**Old Testament:** Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the

Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing. Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, "My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God"? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 147:1-12, 21c** *Laudate Dominum*

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*Remaining seated, the People read the Psalm by half verse.*

- 1 Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God!  
**how pleasant it is to honor him with praise!**
- 2 The LORD rebuilds Jerusalem;  
**he gathers the exiles of Israel.**
- 3 He heals the brokenhearted  
**and binds up their wounds.**
- 4 He counts the number of the stars  
**and calls them all by their names.**
- 5 Great is our LORD and mighty in power;  
**there is no limit to his wisdom.**
- 6 The LORD lifts up the lowly,  
**but casts the wicked to the ground.**
- 7 Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving;  
**make music to our God upon the harp.**
- 8 He covers the heavens with clouds  
**and prepares rain for the earth;**
- 9 He makes grass to grow upon the mountains  
**and green plants to serve mankind.**
- 10 He provides food for flocks and herds  
**and for the young ravens when they cry.**
- 11 He is not impressed by the might of a horse;  
**he has no pleasure in the strength of a man;**
- 12 But the LORD has pleasure in those who fear him,  
**in those who await his gracious favor. Hallelujah!**

**Hymn 411 (vs. 1-3):** *St. Thomas (Williams)*, "O bless the Lord, my soul"

**Gospel:** Mark 1:29-39

*Deacon* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to Mark.

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus left the synagogue at Capernaum, and entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them. That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on

to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Children’s Procession** (*Children follow the cross into the Children’s Chapel.*)

**Hymn 411 (vs. 4-6):** *St. Thomas (Williams)*, “O bless the Lord, my soul”

**Sermon:** The Reverend Randolph Marshall Hollerith

**Nicene Creed**

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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**

Let us kneel together in prayer and open our hearts to God.

Gracious God we pray today for the Church, for the men and women of faith throughout the world who strive to serve you in word and deed.  
*May we be a light to the world.*

We pray for Metropolitan Richmond, the Commonwealth of Virginia and these United States. By your Holy Spirit guide our leaders and all government agencies to serve your people. *May we seek truth, uphold justice, and protect the welfare of all.*

We pray for our world, for peace among the nations and for refugees everywhere. We pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti, Honduras, and Southern Sudan. We pray for those who struggle for freedom in Syria, Libya, Egypt, Iran and throughout the world. *May we love our neighbors as ourselves.*

We pray for our enemies and for all who would do us harm. We pray for an end to war and for the people of Iraq and Afghanistan. We pray for the men and women of our armed forces who serve in places of conflict, keep them safe and grant them courage to serve with honor. *May we forgive each other as you have forgiven us.*

We pray for the poor and the suffering, for the lost and the unloved, for those in prison and for those who live without hope.

*May we be instruments of your grace in the world.*

We pray for our families and friends, for the sick, the elderly and those who have died, that all who have asked for our prayers will know God's healing power.

*May your peace which passes all understanding be theirs and ours this day.*

*The People may add their own petitions.*

*Celebrant*

Almighty God, you have taught us to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly before you. Make us doers of your word that throughout the world your name may be praised and your people served. In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. *Amen.*

## **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant and 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.*

*Celebrant*

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.*

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And also with you.

## **Greeting and Announcements**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offering of Gifts and Praise**

*Your contribution today is part of your spiritual gift to God in thanksgiving for all the blessings in your life.*

Anthem: Out of the rain

Jessi Colter

Out of the rain, under the shelter,  
I've been so long where the sun don't shine.  
Standin' at the cross-roads, could've went either way;  
but now I've found you and the storm is behind.

*Refrain:* Out of the rain, out of the rain

Over the wall, I'm out in the open;  
back on the right track, I'm feeling no pain.  
You took a sparrow and let it fly with the eagles.  
I can see a long ways, I can feel love again. *Refrain*

There was a time I was taking no prisoners,  
standin' with a cold heart, standin' alone.  
It took your sweet love to pull me out of the canyon.  
I believe that I can make it now, I feel I belong. *Refrain*

*During the singing of the Doxology, the children may come forward to the Chancel to see the celebration of the Eucharist.*

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100<sup>th</sup>*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

*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.

*Celebrant*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. *(The Celebrant continues.)*

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 S129

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.

*Celebrant*

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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

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

*Celebrant*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. *(the Celebrant continues....)*

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,

*People and Celebrant*

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

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

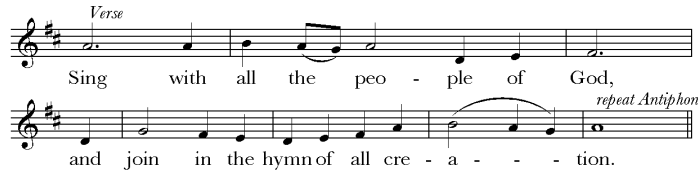
*As the children return to their parents, the people sing*

*Antiphon*



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia.

*Verse*



Sing with all the peo-ple of God,  
and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion.

*repeat Antiphon*

*All the baptized are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

## Music at Communion

Anthem: The Gospel Feast

American Folk Hymn

Come sinners to the gospel feast;  
let every soul be Jesus' guest:  
Ye need not one be left behind  
for God hath called all humankind.

Come, all ye souls by sin oppressed,  
ye restless wanderers after rest;  
Ye poor and maimed, and hald, and blind,  
in Christ a hearty welcome find.

My message as from God receive:  
ye all may come to Christ and live,  
O let his love your hearts constrain,  
nor suffer him to die in vain!

This is the time, no more delay!  
This is the spirit's gracious day;  
Come in this moment at the call,  
and life for him who died for all.

Hymn 412: "Earth and all stars" (*Hymn of the Month*)

## Celebration of Birthdays and Anniversaries

*People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week may come forward to receive a blessing.*

## Postcommunion Prayer

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*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

**Hymn 690:** *Cwm Rhondda*, "Guide me, O thou Great Jehovah"

## Dismissal

*People* Thanks be to God.