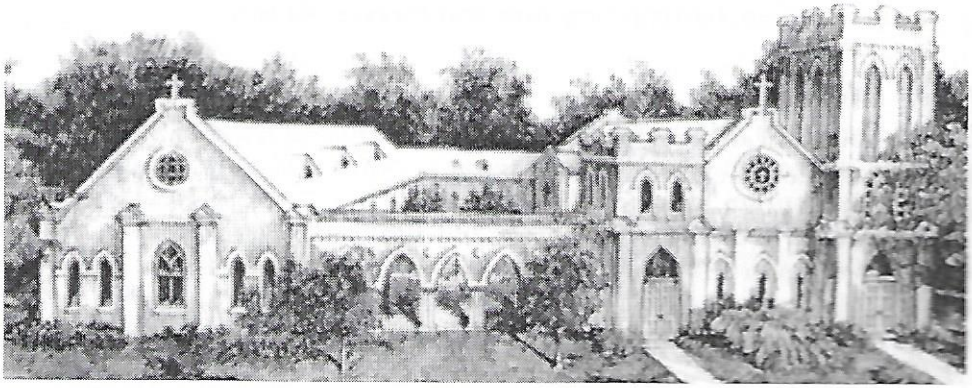

# ST. JAMES
Episcopal Church
Eufaula, Alabama

**In the service of God and this Community since 1838**

October 31, 2021

## The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost

Whether you have worshiped here for years or are visiting our Episcopal Church for the first time, we are glad you are with us. We invite all to enter fully into worship and to explore the variety of service, learning, music and other opportunities that are part of our life together. To learn more, visit www.stjameschurcheufaula.com or contact the church office (334) 687-3619.

*Please observe silence before the service for prayer and meditation, so all may prepare heart and mind for worship. All mobile telephones, pagers and electronic devices should be silenced prior to the service.*

Prelude — Hymnal

### The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two

### The Entrance Rite

**Processional Hymn** — Hymnal 429, *Old 113th*

*I'll Praise my Maker While I've Breath*

## The Opening Acclamation

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

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

## The Collect for Purity

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.***

## Hymn of Praise

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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.

## The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the people*

The Lord be with you.

*People* ***And also with you.***

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

# The Word of God

## The Lessons

### The First Lesson

**Ruth 1:1-18**

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the Lord had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the Lord deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The Lord grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the Lord has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her. So she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." But Ruth said, "Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die– there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!" When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### The Psalm

**Psalm 146**

1 Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

**The Second Lesson** Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

The word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn** Hymnal 628, *St. Ethelwald*

*Help Us, O Lord to Learn*

*Vs 1 before Gospel, vs 3 following the Gospel*

*The congregation remains standing for the reading of the Gospel.*

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

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

Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the

understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,' –this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon The Rev. Sandra Mayer

## 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.***

## The Prayers of the People

*In the course of the silence after each bidding, the People offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.*

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world, especially for, Justin, our Archbishop; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Russell our Bishop; Sandra, our Priest; and for this gathering; and for all ministers and people..

Pray for the Church.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. We pray especially for those in positions of authority especially Joe, our President, Kay, our Governor, Jack, our Mayor, and all others who must make decisions on behalf of communities. We pray for our nation's Armed Forces at home and abroad, first responders everywhere and all of those who stand in harm's way.

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.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

*Silence*

We give thanks for the life and ministry of: JoAnn Little and Albert Simpson as they celebrate their birthdays this week.

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died, especially Mike.

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the special needs and concerns of this congregation, especially; Jacob, Ben, Bobby, Kim, Rick, Jane, Margaret, Jerry, Lee, Chris, Dee, Kip, Andi, Jessica, Bill, Drew, Nick, Turner, Jane, Sherri, Sandra and for those we name.

*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*

*The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.*

## Confession of Sin

*Kneel or stand as able*

*Celebrant*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People and Celebrant*

***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.

## The Peace

*All stand. We greet each other in the name of the Risen Christ. The Celebrant says to the people*

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

## The Holy Communion

*All are welcome to receive Communion. In keeping with safety procedures and instructions from our Bishop, following the leading of the Ushers, members of the congregation, as able, make their way to the altar rail to receive communion. If you do not wish to receive Communion, or if you have children who will not receive, please cross your arms over your chest for a blessing.*

## The Offering of our Gifts and Tithes

**Offertory Anthem** *Be Thou my Vision* *Philip Stopford*
*Paige Garrison, flute*

Celebrant All things come of thee O Lord.
*People* ***And of thine own have we given thee.***

## The Great Thanksgiving

## Eucharistic Prayer B

*The People remain standing. The Celebrant faces them and sings or says*

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| 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 God 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. 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-130

*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.***

*The People kneel or stand as able. Then the Celebrant continues*

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. .....Therefore, according to his command, O Father:,

*Celebrant and People*

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

*The Celebrant continues*

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. ..... 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 hath 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.*

## The Breaking of the Bread

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept.*

### Fraction Anthem

**Alleluia.** Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
***Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

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.

*The People are seated*

## Music During Communion

*Please join the Choir in singing the hymns*

**Communion Hymn** Hymnal 517, *Brother James Air*
*How Lovely is thy Dwelling Place*

**Communion Hymn** Hymnal 306, *Sursum Corda*
*Come, Risen Lord and Design to be our Guest*

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*People and Celebrant*

***Almighty and everliving God,***
***we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food***
***of the most precious Body and Blood***
***of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;***

*and for assuring us in these holy mysteries*
*that we are living members of the Body of your Son,*
*and heirs of your eternal kingdom.*
*and now, Father, send us out*
*to do the work you have given us to do,*
*to love and serve you*
*as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.*
*to him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,*
*be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*

## The Blessing

Celebrant Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
*People* *Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

## The Dismissal

**Processional into the World** Hymnal 551, *Festal Song*

*Rise up ye Saints of God*

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Altar flowers are given by Mary Dixon in thanksgiving and appreciation for Sandra's time at St. James.

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## Assisting with Our Worship— Sunday, October 31, 2021

**Acolytes:** Zoe Hawkins + **Lay Readers:** Verna Scroggins, Susan Bishop + **Prayers of the People:** Jo Watson + **Chalice:** Connie Garrison + **Ushers:** Terry Bishop + **Altar Guild:** Linda Perdue, Diane Voors, Susie McCathran, Janie King +

## Schedule

Sunday, 10/31– Fifth Sunday Feast 11:30/Halloween festivities at the Reeves home 5:00 p.m.

Monday, 11/1– Bluff City Al-Anon Family Group in Margaret Hall 7:00-8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 11/2– Food Pantry 9:30-11:00 a.m./Cub Scouts in library 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, 11/7– Breakfast 8:30/Sunday School 9:15/Holy Eucharist 10:30

## Prayer List

**Prayers:** Jacob, Ben Cleveland, Bobby Sanborn, Kim, Rick Fox, Jane Scamehorn, Margaret Wiswell, Jerry Landers, Lee Kirkland, Chris LeTendre, Andi, Jessica, Bill O'Brien, Drew, Nick, Turner Dow, Jane Nix, Sherri Musgrove, Sandra Locke, Dee Cumberland, Kip Bishop

**Birthdays:** JoAnn Little 10/31, Albert Simpson 11/2

**Anniversaries:**

## Announcements and Happenings

- **Halloween Festivities**– Adam and Lauren Reeves will host this years Halloween celebration in the cul-de-sac on St. Francis Point on Sunday, October 31st at 5:00. A food truck will be on site to provide dinner before trick-or-treating begins at 5:30. Please bring your own drinks for children and adults.
- **Operation Christmas Child**– We are now collecting donations for Operation Christmas Child. Please see the flyer in the back of the church for details. Thank you for your donations.
- **Stewardship Month**– October will be "Stewardship Month " for St. James. Pledge forms have been mailed out. Please feel free to contact Jan Spitzer, the Stewardship Chair, if you have any questions about the campaign or if you want to review your 2021 pledge. We thank you in advance for your commitment to St. James.
- **Supper Club**– Sunday, November 14th hosted by Holland Utley. Contact Holland for food assignments (holland.utley@verizon.net). Time is TBD.