

June 7, 2023

From Fr. John

For the last two Sundays we have used Eucharistic Prayer C in our Sunday services. This is the one that is euphemistically referred to as “the Star Wars® prayer,” because of its reference to “this fragile earth, our island home” I have been asked why we changed from the familiar Prayer A, the one we most often use, and why we would use this particular prayer in its place.

Our Book of Common Prayer (from which, all of our Sunday services come), is a deep and broad resource for planning and executing liturgies. In it, we have 2 different “rites” for conducting Communion services (i.e. Holy Eucharist). We have Rite I, which is made up of language filled with “thee” and “thou” and other more archaic words. And we have Rite II, which uses more modern English. Rite II is what we generally use every Sunday.

Within Rite II, we have many choices. For the Prayers of the People, there are 6 different forms to use. There are 2 forms of the confession of sin. And there are 4 different Eucharistic Prayers (A through D). Everyone has their own way to describe each of the Eucharistic Prayers. And most people who are familiar with them all, have their favorite.

My favorite Eucharistic Prayer is “B.” That is the one that feels the most penitential to me. We use Eucharistic Prayer B fairly often, especially when the Bishop is our Celebrant. So, if Prayer B is my favorite, you might wonder why we don’t use it all the time, since I am the one who decides what prayers we use in the service. It is because, as I said above, the Book of Common Prayer is a vast resource. And I believe we should try to use as much of it as we can.

We will use Prayer C through the month of June. Then in July, we will use Prayer D. In August we will use Prayer A. And in September it will be Prayer B. During each of those months, we will also change which form of the Prayers of the People we use.

So that is it. We are trying to use more of a wonderful and rich resource in our worship. Some of the changes you will like. Some of them you will not. But hang in there. None of them will last forever. And in the end, we will all have been exposed to more of what our Book of Common Prayer has to offer.

Peace be with you,
Fr. John+

HEALING
SERVICE



Wednesday Evening Service

During the summer, Fr. John continues to offer the 5:15 p.m. Holy Eucharist Service with the healing component.

Home Communion Is Back!

During the course of the summer months, we at St. James gather as a faith community in the homes of parishioners for “table fellowship” – by breaking Bread during Holy Communion and then by breaking bread together for our dinner meal. Host families provide the entrée while guests

provide salads, sides, desserts, and drinks. Plan to join us for our June 21st (Wednesday) gathering at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Foster and Martha Walker [100 Iris Lane in Boyce]. Bring a friend and enjoy the fellowship!

[Map provided upon request.]



If anyone is interested in hosting the Home Communion in July, please contact the church office.



Episcopalian Slip-Knots Saturday, June 10 10:00 AM - Noon in Youth Building

The Episcopalian Slip-knots continue to take up their knitting needles and crochet hooks to create scarves, hats, and other warm fuzzies to donate to the Homeless Coalition around the corner, to disburse to our neighbors in need in the wintertime. Come enjoy the fellowship and coffee! Contact Sara Fuhrer at 985-237- 9848 for more information.

Security Shredding

St. James is offering the opportunity to get rid of that stack (or box) of papers that has been hanging around. A mobile shredding company will be here Tuesday, June 20, to shred old church papers. As a courtesy to our parishioners, we will accept your personal papers through **next Thursday, June 15, at 300 p.m.**



Your confidentiality will be guarded. No one will read what you have to be shredded. Bring your papers/box of papers to the church office during the hours of 9:30 a.m - 3:30 p.m.



Baby Diapers Needed

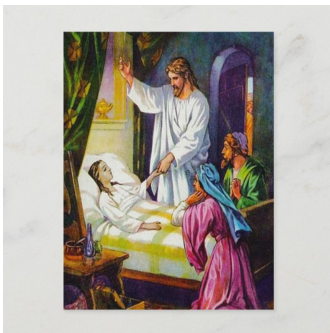
St. James is collecting baby diapers of all sizes that are needed by a local non-profit that helps mothers in need. Even opened packages will be accepted. The blue crate will be in the Narthex for Sunday (those attending 8:00 a.m. service can leave in back of chapel). During the week, you may drop off at the office. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Latest Church Directories

Church Directories are available in the Chapel, Narthex, and Parish Hall on Sundays. During the week a copy may be picked up in the office. Please take one per family for now. Thank you.



WORSHIP



June 11th

The Second Sunday after Pentecost

In-person Worship at 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Childcare is available for the 10:30 AM service.

[Click on this link to join the 10:30 AM service.](#)

[Click here for the service bulletin.](#)

June 11, 2023 Evening Prayer Online @ 5:00 PM

[Click on this link to join Evening Prayer.](#)
Meeting ID: 863 4898 4077
Passcode: 1620
[Click here for the order of service & reading.](#)



Prayer

Parish Prayer List

Please keep these members of our community in your prayers:

Brady Brown, Shannon Norman, Bill Jarvis, Jimmy Perkins, Ann Vanderslice, Charles Robinson, Belle Chatelain, Larry, Eleanor, Carli McGinty, Fr. John, Lacy Shaw, Sam Bejach, Gary and Becky Maxwell, Lawrence, Liz McSween, Beth Courtney, Holly Craig, Kip Hogue, Charles, Jim Bristol, Ellen Moore, Mother Meredith Ward, Pat Carter, Beth Hebert, Rita

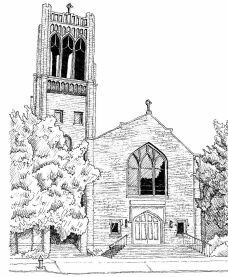
Clancey, Jimmy Hurt, Carol Rowe, Barbara Baldwin, Louise Carter, Donnie Hayes, John Brewer, Fred Alexius, Paula Lieberman, Bill and Beverly Jarvis, Robbie G., Jonathan Rhea, Minnie Mikell, Massi Jordan, Pepe Rizzo, Bonnie McLellan, Michael Sterne, Jim Leggett, Cackie, Bernard Parker, Kristie Fresh, Andrea, Janet & Carl Ahrens, Jeff and Anne, Lillian DeVille, Wilma Filipi, Stephen, Natosha and Family, Fran Barbato, Kevin Delaney, Gail, Charlotte Sterling, Matthew Fontanille, Andrew, Shirley Christian, Susan Webster, Chase Barnfield, Taylor Thompson, Johnnie Hart, Jane Y. Harris, Kyle, James Jay Watts, Beth Virden, Glenn Guillory, Elda Schoolcraft, Mesta Bain, Dean M. Tyree, Dietrich DeBoer, Beverly Butler, Murel Trimble, Emily Warren, Bill Leibke, Wayne Moorehead, Donna House, Dayna Hill, Jane Tyson, and Mehre Hajighassem.

For those in the military:

Kyle Jordan, Samuel Hayes, Franklin Watson, Kyle Jordan, Donal McCarthy, Michael Geiger, Erskine Cook, Jr., Patrick Downs, and Chris Babcock.

For those celebrating birthdays in June (day):

Angela Hayes (7), Donna Bedingfield (9), Susan Provosty Crowell (10), Rob Ratcliff (10), Gay Hester (11), Charlene Gates (15), Alice Gill (15), Elizabeth Milliner (16), Sara Marshall (20), Sallie Monk (21), Tom Yeager (21), Babs Leggett (22), Travis McCartney (22), David Shepherd (22), Graves Theus (22), Henry Clancey (26), Lindsey Torbett (28), Amy Norton (29), Lincoln Holton (30).



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