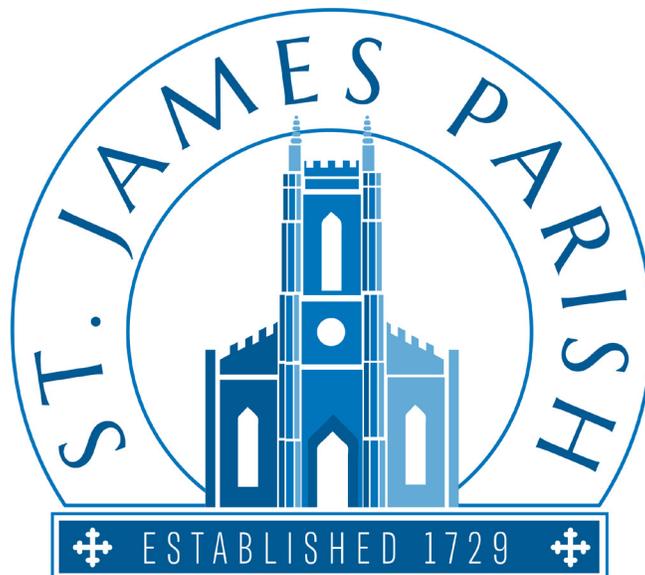


# THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY 2 AUGUST 2020



Hymn 1: "Father, we praise thee, now the night is over"

*Christe sanctorum*

Sara Westermarck, soprano

1 Fa - ther, we praise thee, now the night is  
 2 Mon - arch of all things, fit us for thy  
 3 All ho - ly Fa - ther, Son, and e - qual

o - ver, ac - tive and watch - ful, stand we all be -  
 man - sions; ban - ish our weak - ness, health and whole - ness  
 Spi - rit, Trin - i - ty bless - ed, send us thy sal -

fore thee; sing - ing we of - fer prayer and med - i -  
 send - ing; bring us to hea - ven, where thy saints un -  
 va - tion; thine is the glo - ry, gleam - ing and re -

ta - tion: thus we a - dore thee.  
 nit - ed joy with - out end - ing.  
 sound - ing through all cre - a - tion.

## The Officiant begins with these sentences

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

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

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.**

**Song of Praise**      *Gloria in excelsis (S-280)*

Robert Powell

**Sara Westermarck, soprano**

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

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

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

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Lessons

### A reading from Isaiah (55:1–5)

Thus says the Lord: "Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you."

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Sara Westermark, soprano**

The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, \*  
slow to anger and of great kindness.

The Lord is loving to everyone \*  
and his compassion is over all his works.

The Lord upholds all those who fall; \*  
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The eyes of all wait upon you, O Lord, \*  
and you give them their food in due season.

You open wide your hand \*  
and satisfy the needs of every living creature.

The Lord is righteous in all his ways \*  
and loving in all his works.

The Lord is near to those who call upon him, \*  
to all who call upon him faithfully.

He fulfills the desire of those who fear him; \*  
he hears their cry and helps them.

The Lord preserves all those who love him, \*  
but he destroys all the wicked.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord; \*  
let all flesh bless his holy Name for ever and ever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit:

As it was in the beginning, is now,  
and will be for ever. Amen.

**A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (9:1–15)**

I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit—I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh. They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises; to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:13–21)**

Jesus withdrew in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” Jesus said to them, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” They replied, “We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish.” And he said, “Bring them here to me.” Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**Solo:** “*Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah*”

tune: *Autumn*, François H. Barthélémon

**Sara Westermark, soprano; Forrest Britt, violin**

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, Pilgrim through this barren land,  
I am weak, but thou art mighty; Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Open now the crystal fountains Whence the living waters flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.

Feed me with the heavenly manna In this barren wilderness;  
Be my sword, and shield, and banner, be the Lord my Righteousness.  
When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction Land me safe on Canaan's side

*William Williams, tr. Peter Williams*

### **The Nicene Creed (p. 358)**

*Officiant and People together*

Let us affirm our faith in the words of 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

### A prayer for transition

Almighty God, you know the needs of your church in every place: look graciously upon the people of St James Parish, and grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we move through the search process for our new rector. Thank you for the faithful stewards you have provided, and will provide, for our leadership. We give thanks for those who have committed to serve on the Search Committee and ask for blessing on their endeavors. Give us discernment, wisdom, patience, and confidence in your timing. Help us to care for each other with mutual trust, respect, kindness, and clarity of purpose. You are the Good Shepherd, and we ask you to shepherd us throughout this journey. In the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, we pray. **Amen.**

### Prayers in this time of pandemic

O God, our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In this challenging and uncertain time of global pandemic and public health crisis, we come before you offering our prayers on behalf of those in need, the church, and the world.

We pray for the church, that it may not grow weary of proclaiming the gospel of Christ and serve as a beacon of hope to a suffering world. We pray for Michael, the Presiding Bishop, Rob our Bishop, Pierce our Interim Rector, our clergy, staff, wardens and vestry, and all who minister in your name.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all affected by the coronavirus, especially we pray for the states in crisis with an upsurge of cases. We pray for all leaders that they may work together for the common good to protect all. Grant public health and government officials the strength and will to act swiftly and decisively, with wisdom and compassion in service to all. We pray especially for our president, the Congress, Governors and mayors.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they have access to medical care and regain their strength and health; grant them your healing grace. Give strength to all who are caring for loved ones and healthcare workers as they put public safety before their own.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for an end to racial and ethnic inequality. Let us pray for the wisdom and the will to eradicate the hatred and disrespect that weave through our culture and its official structures. Ignite a fire in us for racial equality.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for all those known to our community who stand in need of God's healing power, remembering especially Delilah, Angela, Clifton, Adrienne, John, Bill, Max, Sarah, Terry, and Tim... and others who we mention at this time.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Remove the presence of fear and anxiety from our hearts, that confident in your providence we may be generous in sharing our resources. Grant that our churches and communities of faith may reflect your love, as they minister to the most vulnerable among us.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

We pray for those who have already lost loved ones to the virus and those who will yet suffer such loss that they may know the consolation of your love. On this Sunday, we pray for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, that, with all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

### **The Concluding Collect**

Holy and sovereign Lord, when the earth and all its people quake, you hold its pillars firm. What is uncertain and frightening to us is completely known to you and controlled by you. Look mercifully on the people of St. James Parish. Although at this time we are apart from each other, we pray your Holy Spirit will unite us as one. Pour upon us your peace which passes all understanding, keep us safe and healthy, and above all, keep us mindful of those to whom we should show the love and compassion of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin**

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

*Officiant 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.

*Officiant*

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 Blessing**

**Benediction:** "*Abide with me*"

tune: *Eventide*, v. 3 desc. Jeffrey Smith

**Sara Westermarck, soprano**

**Forrest Britt, violin**

Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;  
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:  
when other helpers fail and comforts flee,  
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

I need thy presence every passing hour;  
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?  
Who, like thyself, my guide and stay can be?  
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;  
shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;  
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

*Henry Francis Lyte*

### The Dismissal

*Officiant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

### Hymn 559: "Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us"

*Dulce carmen*

Sara Westermarck, soprano



Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem - pes - tuous sea;  
Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness thou dost know;  
Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with heaven - ly joy;



guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee,  
thou didst tread this earth be - fore us; thou didst feel its keen - est woe;  
love with e - very pas - sion blend - ing plea - sure that can ne - ver cloy;



yet pos - ses - sing ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.  
yet un - fear - ing, per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.  
thus pro - vi - ded, par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

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