

THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST: SUNDAY 9 AUGUST 2020



Hymn 507: "Praise the Spirit of creation"

Julion

Bob Workmon, tenor

Coleman Burgess, clarinet



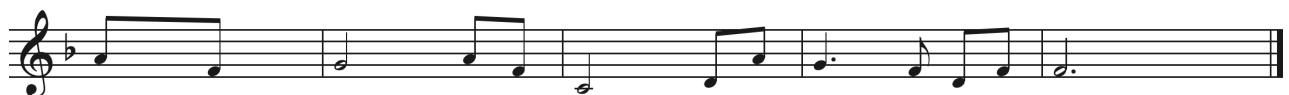
1 Praise the Spi - rit in cre - a - tion, breath of God, life's or - i - gin:
2 Praise the Spi - rit, close com - pan - ion of our in - most thoughts and ways;
3 Praise the Spi - rit, who en - light - ened priests and pro - phets with the word;



Spi - rit, mov - ing on the wat - ers quick - ening worlds to life with - in,
who, in show - ing us God's won - ders, is him - self the power to gaze;
his the truth be - hind the wis - doms which as yet know not our Lord;



source of breath to all things breath - ing, life in whom all lives be - gin.
and God's will, to those who lis - ten, by a still small voice con - veys.
by whose love and power, in Je - sus God him - self was seen and heard.



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

Bob Workmon, tenor

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.**

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 1 Kings (19:9–18)

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall

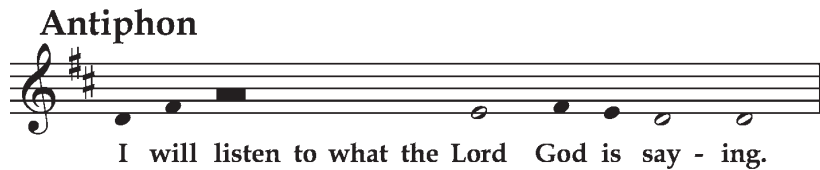
anoint Hazeal as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazeal, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

The Word of the Lord.

Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13 (BCP, p. 708–709)

chant: John Sullivan

Bob Workmon, tenor



You have been gracious to your land, O Lord, *
you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
You have forgiven the iniquity of your people *
and blotted out all their sins.

ANTIPHON

I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

ANTIPHON

Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

ANTIPHON

The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

ANTIPHON

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans (10:5-15)

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say? “The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who
(The reading continues overleaf.)

believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.” But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

The Word of the Lord.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (14:22-33)

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.” Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

The Homily

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Solo: “*Summer suns are glowing*”

King's Weston, Ralph Vaughan Williams
arr. John Sullivan

Bob Workmon, tenor; Coleman Burgess, clarinet

Summer suns are glowing over land and sea,
happy light is flowing, bountiful and free.
Everything rejoices in the mellow rays,
all earth's thousand voices swell the psalm of praise.

God's free mercy streameth over all the world,
and his banner gleameth, everywhere unfurled.
Broad and deep and glorious as the heaven above,
shines in might victorious his eternal love.

Lord, upon our blindness thy pure radiance pour;
for thy loving-kindness make us love thee more.
And when clouds are drifting dark across our sky,
then, the veil uplifting, Father, be thou nigh.

We will never doubt thee, though thou veil thy light:
life is dark without thee; death with thee is bright.
Light of Light! shine o'er us on our pilgrim way,
go thou still before us to the endless day.

William Walsham How

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, Jocelyn, Max, Sarah, Terry, Pam, 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, especially Bill Hale and Mary Ann Dixon Hogue, 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: "*God be in my head*"

tune: *Lytlington*, arr. John Sullivan

Bob Workmon, tenor

Coleman Burgess, clarinet

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Christ be in my mind, and in my seeking;
Christ be in my ears, and in my hearing;
Christ be in my hands, and in my serving
Christ be in my feet, and in my walking;
Christ be at mine end, and at my departing.

Spirit be in my hope, and in my helping;
Spirit be in my soul, and in my praying;
Spirit be in my joy, and in my laughing;
Spirit be in my love, and in my learning;
Spirit be at mine end, and at my departing.

Words: st. 1, *Sarum Primer*, 1514;
st. 2–3, Ronald G. Abrams

The Dismissal

Officiant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

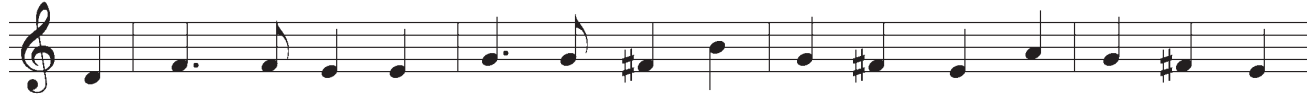
Hymn 608: "Eternal Father, strong to save"

Melita

Bob Workmon, tenor



1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm hath bound the rest - less wave,
2 O Christ, whose voice the wa - ters heard and hushed their ra - ging at thy word,
3 Most Ho - ly Spi - rit, who didst brood up - on the cha - os dark and rude,
4 O Tri - ni - ty of love and power, thy child - ren shield in dan - ger's hour;



who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its own ap - point - ed lim - its keep:
who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep, and calm a - mid the storm didst sleep;
and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace:
from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro - tect them where - so - e'er they go;



O hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
thus ev - er - more shall rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



COPYRIGHTS: The New Revised Standard Version (NRSV), copyright 1989, 1995 by the Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. Used by permission. All rights Reserved. The Book of Common Prayer is in the public domain. Hymn 507 "Praise the Spirit in creation" words: by permission of Oxford University Press.; music: Copyright © 1983, G.I.A. Publications, Inc. St. James Parish holds CCLI Licenses #11051308 and #1407118, and OneLicense.net License #A-718078.



MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

ST. JAMES PARISH

25 South Third Street ♦ Wilmington, NC 28401 ♦ (901) 763-1628 ♦ parish@stjamesp.org

[f](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesp) @stjamesp [i](https://www.instagram.com/stjamesparish) @stjamesparish

STJAMESP.ORG