



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 29 AUGUST 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

8:00 A.M.

Page numbers refer to the Book of Common Prayer.

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THE WORD OF GOD

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The Lesson: James (1:17–27)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1102

Commentary:

The purpose of James' letter was to exhort believers to Christian maturity and holiness of life. To that end, this letter deals more with the practice of the Christian faith than with its precepts. Every act of gift giving, every perfect gift, has its source in God and the greatest of God's gifts is new life in Jesus Christ. James advised silence and calm over complaining and anger in order to grow in righteousness. Not only are believers to listen to the Word, they are to put into practice what they profess to believe. The law of God is perfect and it is a law of liberty, because in obedience is found true freedom. Consistent commitment to God, obedience to His Word, love of others and holy living are all hallmarks of genuine religion.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures. You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing. If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, ‘This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.” Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Chris Hamby

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
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