



THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 19 SEPTEMBER 2021

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M

Welcome and Announcements

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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.**

**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.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: James (3:13–4:3, 7–8a)

Commentary:

Earlier in chapter 3, James emphasized the need to control the tongue and now he turned to the importance of disciplining the mind, which is key to controlling the tongue. Wisdom in the mind affects use of the tongue. Wisdom from God is marked by purity, graciousness and humility in words and deeds and is concerned with justice and peace. James instructed his readers to ask God for those things He wants us to have; our fundamental prayer should be for our desires to reflect God's will for us. Submission to God means surrendering the human will, bringing our priorities in line with God's priorities. On one hand we are to resist the devil and on the other, we must draw near to God.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace. Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark (9:30–37)

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him. Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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.

Prayers of the People

The response to each petition:
Lord, hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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.

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C (BCP p. 369)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us.

By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 Celebrant continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,
**We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation.
AMEN.

The Lord's Prayer (*BCP p. 364*)

**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.**

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

The Communion of the People

(Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.)

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest and People

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Celebrant

The Reverend Chris Hamby

Preacher

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

Musician

Tim Ford, guitar

Our Message to Visitors

Please know we appreciate so much that you have decided to worship with us today at St. James. Our Mission is to welcome all to grow in love of God and neighbor. So no matter where you come from or where you are going, no matter what you believe or what you doubt, no matter what you feel or don't feel today, you are welcome at St. James to be met by a God who knows you by name, who knows your heart, who knows your mind, and who wants to have a relationship with you.

Please provide your name and contact information on our Visitor Card for more information about St. James Episcopal Church and Mt. Lebanon Chapel.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPT. 27- OCT. 1

MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Zoom or Graham Parlor

FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00-11:30 AM | Great Hall or Zoom

MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Great Hall

VOICES OF SCRIPTURE BIBLE STUDY
7:00-8:00 PM | Zoom

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

PORT CITY JAVA BIBLE STUDY
7:00 A.M. | PCJ on S. 17th Street

THE PATH BIBLE STUDY
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Sanctuary

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45-9:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

HAPPENING #76 TEAM MEETING
10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | Perry Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel BYOS*

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel BYOS*

ONLINE RITE II LIVE STREAM
9:30 AM | St. James Website or Facebook

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:30 AM | St. James Parish

DIRECTORY PHOTOS
Between Services | St. James Downtown
and Mt. Lebanon Chapel

YOUTH GROUP
5:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel (*or Perry
Hall if inclement weather*)

***BYOS:** Bring Your Own Supplies if you plan to sit outside- Please bring your own chairs, picnic blankets, etc.

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the Sept. 28th Digital Grapevine is Sept. 24th. Please use online form to submit.

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