

# THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

**SUNDAY 15 MAY 2022** 

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
9:00 A.M.

### YOUTH SUNDAY

Celebrating Eucharist and Rejoicing with our Young People

### **Gathering Music**

And they'll know we are Christians by our love

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored. And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, and they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain* 

We Will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side; And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. *Refrain*.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. *Refrain* 

### Sweet, Sweet Spirit

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.

There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love.

And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise; without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

There are blessings you cannot receive till you know him in his fullness, and believe. You're the one to profit when you say, "I am going to walk with Jesus all the way." Refrain

If you say he saved you from your sin, now you're weak, you're bound, and cannot enter in, you can make it right if you will yield; you'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel. *Refrain* 

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love

Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to serve the neighbors we have from you.

Kneels at the feet of his friends, silently washes their feet, Master who acts as a slave to them. *Refrain* 

Neighbors are rich and poor, neighbors are black and white, neighbors are nearby and far away. *Refrain* 

These are the ones we should serve, these are the ones we should love, all are neighbors to us and you. *Refrain* 

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we were slaves; this is the way we should live with you. *Refrain* 

### Welcome and Announcements

Processional Hymn 8

"Morning has broken"

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Morning has broken, like the first morning; blackbird has spoken like the first bird; Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them springing fresh from the Word.

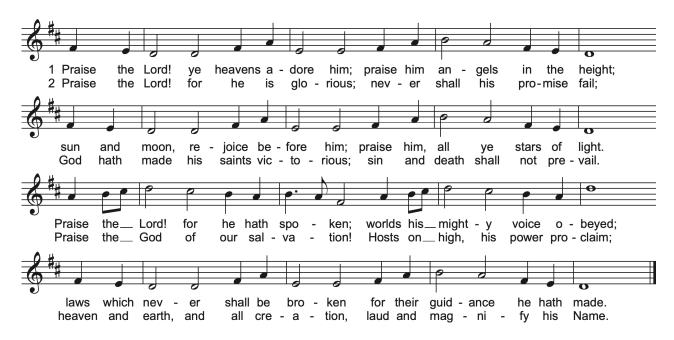
Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dew fall on the first grass; Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation, of the new day!

### THE WORD OF GOD

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgive all our sins. People His mercy endure 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.** 



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### THE LESSONS

The First Lesson Revelation 21:1–6

### Commentary

In his vision, John saw a splendid and perfected new heaven and new earth. This will be the final stage in God's plan to deliver humanity into the blessing He originally intended them to enjoy. The city descending from heaven, the new Jerusalem, will be uniquely holy, in contrast to the former, sin-corrupted city. The glory of the new Jerusalem will far surpass the ability of human language to describe it. At that time, God will dwell among His righteous people. Sorrow, death and pain will end, as will tears and mourning. The curse of sin will be completely removed. The sovereign God, the Alpha and the Omega, promises to provide abundant satisfaction that meets the deepest needs of His people.

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn "All in All" Dennis Jernigan

You are my strength when I am weak
You are the treasure that I seek
You are my All in All
Seeking You as a precious jewel
Lord, to give up I'd be a fool
You are my All in All
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name

Taking my sin, my cross, my shame
Rising again I bless Your name
You are my All in All
When I fall down You pick me up
When I am dry You fill my cup
You are my All in All
Jesus, Lamb of God, worthy is Your name
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The Gospel John 13:31–35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Hymn "Where charity and love prevail"

Land of Rest

Where charity and love prevail there God is ever found; brought here together by Christ's love, by love are we thus bound.

With grateful joy and holy fear his charity we learn; let us with heart and mind and strength now love him in return.

Forgive we now each other's faults as we our faults confess; and let us love each other well in Christian holiness.

Let strife among us be unknown, let all contention cease; be his the glory that we seek, be ours his holy peace.

Let us recall that in our midst dwells God's begotten Son; as members of his body joined, we are in him made one.

Love can exclude no race or creed if honored be God's Name; our common life embraces all whose Father is the same.

### The Sermon

The Nicene Creed (from the Celtic Tradition) All stand

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female.

We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, He died forsaken.

He descended into the earth to the place of death.

On the third day He rose from the tomb.

He ascended into heaven, to be everywhere present, and His kingdom will come on earth.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the Church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (from the Celtic Tradition)

Leader Lord Jesus Christ,

People Be with us, within us, behind us, and before us.

Leader We bind ourselves, O God, today, to the strong name of the Trinity.

People And we name you: Three in One, One in Three; and claim our place in

your community of love.

Leader We are embraced, loving God, in the community that is the heart not just of our

church, but also in the community that is the very heart of who you are:

People Three in One; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Leader Within that great love, we are held and treasured. Lord, hear our prayers this

morning:

People We pray for our hurting world.

Leader That war-makers will find peace. That the hungry will find food. That refugees

will find shelter. That injustice will be answered with all that is right and good.

People We pray for all who suffer.

Leader For those we love dearly. For those we barely know. For those whose suffering

we have ignored. Be present in the healing touch of all hands that help the sick

and suffering. And send your Spirit to comfort and protect all who need you.

People We pray for all who struggle.

Leader For those who cannot see a way through broken relationships, difficult financial

realities, emotional darkness, and deep, deep loneliness. May we find you even in the most hopeless places. And may we, your people, be present also in those places, bringing your Good News and hope to all who are longing for the

true life that only you can provide.

People We pray for all who are joyful.

Leader We rejoice at the promise of new life, and the goodness of each new day. We

celebrate the movement through milestones: births, graduations, new jobs, new relationships; and the wonderful hopes that they bring. We remember those moments of blessing in our own lives and we thank you for the opportunity to use our lives to your glory, to live lives that are full and worthy of your calling.

We lift up to you, Lord, the prayers that you've placed on our hearts in our own

words at this time...

We bind ourselves, O God, today, to the strong name of the Trinity.

People And we name you: Three in One, One in Three; and claim our place in

your community of love.

Leader Lord Jesus Christ,

People Be with us, within us, behind us, before us. Amen.

The Blessing of Graduating Seniors

The Peace

Celebrant God makes peace within us.

People Let us claim it.

Celebrant God makes peace between us.

People Let us share it.

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Hymn Peter Nardone

I give to you a new commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you.

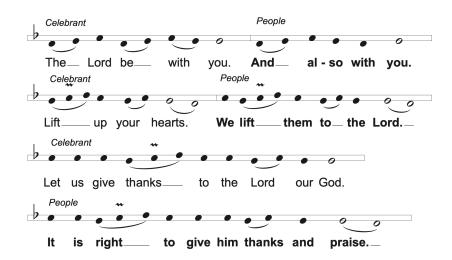
Ubi caritas est vera, Deus ibi est. Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor. Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur. Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum. Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity is true, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one. Let us rejoice and be glad in him. Let us fear and love the living God. And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

Presentation Hymn: (stanza 3 of Hymn 380)

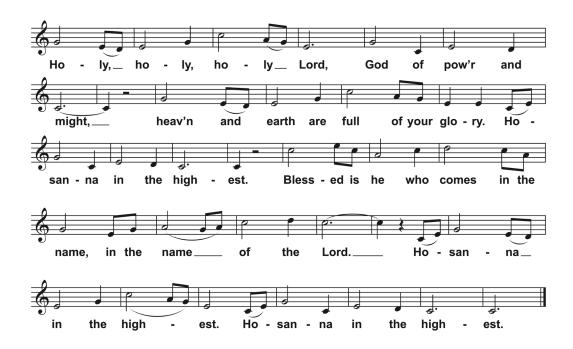
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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!



### The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

### Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

### The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.** 

### The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People There - fore let us keep the feast. Al-le-lu - ia.

The Communion of the People

Music at Communion:

Hymn:

"I, the Lord of sea and sky"

Daniel L. Schutte

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I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin, my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them, they turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them, my hand will save. Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

Hymn:

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall beadded unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *Alleluia*, *alleluia*, *alleluia*, *alleluia*, *alleluia*!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find, knock, and the door shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia! *Refrain* 

Hymn:

"Amazing grace! how sweet the sound"

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Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

The Post Communion Prayer

All stand.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Celebrant 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.

Hymn 376

"Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Hyfrydol

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love; hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away; giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays, stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise. Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea, chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest, well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest! Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine; teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

The Dismissal:

Deacon

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude:

Celebrant

THE REVEREND PHILLIP CRAIG, JR.

Deacon

THE REVEREND RHONDA THOMAS

The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of

DEV AND MARGARET LIPPITT, AND DEV AND GABRIELLE LIPPITT

### MT. LEBANON CHAPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

## PRAYER LABYRINTH COMING TO MT. LEBANON CHAPEL THIS SUMMER

After months of careful deliberation and planning, the St. James Vestry and Lebanon Chapel Labyrinth Committee are pleased to announce plans to install a labyrinth on the grounds of Mount Lebanon Chapel. This quiet, simple, and tranquil location adjacent to Bradley Creek offers the perfect setting for our parish family and community-at-large to "grow in faith" for many years to come.

Early on, our Committee decided to seek funding for the Labyrinth from individuals rather than from our church budget, ideally to spiritually connect as many St. James parishioners as possible to this project and place. Therefore we are looking to individuals – from toddlers to adults – to support this project. Cookie Cantwell enthusiastically requested, on behalf of the Youth at St. James, to make the first contribution to the Labyrinth Account, and they have done so in the amount of \$5,000! A big thank you to Cookie and our St. James Youth Group! Our plans include recognizing donors in a meaningful way on the Mt. Lebanon Chapel property.

If interested in more information about the Labyrinth and/ or the Labyrinth budget, please contact Kay Dougherty: kdougherty@thehill.org or 484-919-8261

To make a gift, please contact Maria Hollopeter by email: finance@stjamesp.org or 910-763-1628 or visit: stjamesp.org/blog/mlc-labyrinth/

Pictured to the right: 1) Example of the labyrinth selected, 2) Installation location between the All Saints Memorial Garden and Bradley Creek, and 3) Our wonderful team of volunteers who helped clear the grounds for the new labyrinth.







### SUNDAYS IN SUMMER

### ST. JAMES PARISH - DOWNTOWN

- 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II Livestreamed

### MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

- 8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II
- 9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II

Summer offerings begin Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 and run through September 4, 2022.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., MAY 16-20

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

#### **MONDAY, MAY 16**

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF 5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | Great Hall

#### **TUESDAY, MAY 17**

• MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

- STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM | SB on S. 17th St.
- HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- COHI CONTINUING EDUCATION 6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- EPISCOPOSSE GATHERING 6:30 PM | TBA

### **THURSDAY, MAY 19**

- GREETER SOCIAL 5:30 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM | Choir Room

### FRIDAY, MAY 20 SJDS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

• SJDS GRADUATION & SCHOOL-WIDE PICNIC 11:00 AM | St. James Day School

### SATURDAY, MAY 21

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

### SUNDAY, MAY 22 **SUMMER SCHEDULE BEGINS**

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Sanctuary
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- MIMOSA MINGLE 10:10 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II 10:30AM | St. James Parish
- ONLINE LIVE STREAM 10:30 AM | Website or FB
- TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 4:00 PM | St. James Parish
- BREADBREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME 4:00 PM | The Currin Home

To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.

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