



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 24 JULY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 & 9:30 A.M.

Welcome and Announcements

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

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

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

Collect for Purity

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Song of Praise

1 Praise the Lord! ye heavens a - dore him; praise him an - gels in the height;
2 Praise the Lord! for he is glo - rious; nev - er shall his pro-mise fail;
sun and moon, re - joice be - fore him; praise him, all ye stars of light.
God hath made his saints vic - to - rious; sin and death shall not pre - vail.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spo - ken; worlds his might - y voice o - beyed;
Praise the God of our sal - va - tion! Hosts on high, his power pro - claim;
laws which nev - er shall be bro - ken for their guid - ance he hath made.
heaven and earth, and all cre - a - tion, laud and mag - ni - fy his Name.

Collect of the Day

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The Lesson: Genesis 18:20–32

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Commentary: In this passage, Abraham learned important lessons about God's fairness in judging and about intercessory prayer. Abraham's primary concern was not clemency for the wicked cities, Sodom and Gomorrah, but justice for the righteous minority who lived there. Abraham was not trying to wear God down by pressuring Him. Instead, Abraham was seeking clarification from God. Jesus Christ had to be who He was in order to do what He did. His death means life for all who trust in Him, regarding the extent of His mercy. God is a fair and just judge, who examines the evidence and rewards appropriately. God's people are responsible to intercede for
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others and at the same time, they have the consolation of knowing that the Judge of all the earth will do what is right.

The LORD said to Abraham, “How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me; and if not, I will know.” So the men turned from there, and went toward Sodom, while Abraham remained standing before the LORD. Then Abraham came near and said, “Will you indeed sweep away the righteous with the wicked? Suppose there are fifty righteous within the city; will you then sweep away the place and not forgive it for the fifty righteous who are in it? Far be it from you to do such a thing, to slay the righteous with the wicked, so that the righteous fare as the wicked! Far be that from you! Shall not the Judge of all the earth do what is just?” And the LORD said, “If I find at Sodom fifty righteous in the city, I will forgive the whole place for their sake.” Abraham answered, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord, I who am but dust and ashes. Suppose five of the fifty righteous are lacking? Will you destroy the whole city for lack of five?” And he said, “I will not destroy it if I find forty-five there.” Again he spoke to him, “Suppose forty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of forty I will not do it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak. Suppose thirty are found there.” He answered, “I will not do it, if I find thirty there.” He said, “Let me take it upon myself to speak to the Lord. Suppose twenty are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of twenty I will not destroy it.” Then he said, “Oh do not let the Lord be angry if I speak just once more. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1–13

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us. And do not bring us to the time of trial.” And he said to them, “Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, ‘Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.’ And he answers from within, ‘Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.’ I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs. So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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

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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, in your mercy. **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

Hymn: *“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”*

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 sins 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 Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **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.

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:

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, 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 Lord's Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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.**

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Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Pianist: Zach Bugg

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Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 25-29

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | St. James

MONDAY, JULY 25

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 26

- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, JULY 28

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JULY 29

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JULY 30

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

SUNDAY, JULY 31

- MEALS ON WHEELS
All Day | Drivers Wanted
- 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
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:30AM | St. James Parish
- ONLINE LIVE STREAM
10:30 AM | Website or FB
- SUMMER NEWCOMER MINGLE
4:00 PM | Dr.s' Hardy Home

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