



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 31 JULY 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 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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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Kyrie Lord, have mercy.
Christ have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day

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The Lesson: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12—14; 2:18—23

NRSV, p. 603

Commentary: Ecclesiastes is a book of gathered thoughts and observations promoting a God-centered view of life while pointing out the futility of a self-centered worldview. The author stressed the message that no human endeavor provides ultimate satisfaction; he claimed to have studied human activities and found them to be difficult and disappointing. The author viewed his own lifetime of toil with despair because he had no lasting control over the fruits of his labor. A recurring theme throughout Ecclesiastes is that life in this world has significance only when it is centered on the Creator.

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

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, 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

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.**



Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Guitarist: Steve Mueller

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.-FRI., AUGUST 1-5

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 1

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP
8:15 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 4

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

- QUIET REFLECTION
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- SUNRISE SERENITY AL-ANON
7:45 AM | Bishop Wright Room

SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

- 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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the August 8th Digital Grapevine is August 5th.
The deadline for the September Grapevine Magazine is August 22nd.
Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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 run Sunday, May 22nd, 2022 through Sunday, September 4, 2022.

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