



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 7 AUGUST 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M. & 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

Praise the Lord! ye heavens adore him; praise him angels in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him; praise him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken; worlds his mighty voice obeyed;
laws which never shall be broken for their guidance he hath made.

Praise the Lord! for he is glorious never shall his promise fail;
God hath made his saints victorious; sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation! Hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth, and all creation, laud and magnify his Name.

Collect of the Day

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The Epistle: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

NRSV, p. 1098

Commentary: Hebrews places great emphasis on the importance of living by faith. Faith is defined as having confidence that things yet future and unseen will happen as God has revealed they will; it is hope that looks forward with steadfast certainty. The writer encouraged his readers by reminding them of the faithful perseverance of a selection of Old Testament saints, including Abraham. Abraham demonstrated faith on many occasions and through various circumstances. When God called Abraham to leave his native land, when his home in the Promised Land was a tent, when he trusted God's promise of an heir, Abraham was living by faith. Abraham and the other patriarchs continued to live by faith to the very end and they died believing God would eventually fulfill His promises to them. Through the examples cited, the writer was urging his readers to keep on trusting and to not turn back.

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises,

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but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Holy Gospel: Luke 12:32–40

(NRSV) p. 951

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

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

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 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: *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.

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

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

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**



Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

Pianist: Zach Bugg

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUGUST 8-12

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 8

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 9

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

- 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
- HOSPITALITY AT HOME
Following 9:30 service - 1:00 PM |
The Home of Bill and Happy Clark

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the August 15th Digital Grapevine is August 12th.

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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