



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 25 SEPTEMBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn 8

“Morning has broken”

Bunessan



1 Morn - ing has bro - - ken like the first morn - ing,
2 Sweet the rain's new fall sun - lit from hea - ven,
3 Mine is the sun - light! Mine is the morn - ing



Black-bird has spo - - ken like the first bird. _____
like the first dew - - fall on the first grass. _____
born of the one light E - den saw play! _____



Praise for the sing - ing! Praise for the morn - ing!
Praise for the sweet - ness of the wet gar - - den,
Praise with e - la - - - tion, praise ev - ery morn - ing,



Praise for them, spring - ing fresh from the Word! _____
sprung in com - plete - ness where his feet pass. _____
God's re - cre - a - - - tion, of the new day. _____

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.**

1 All glo - ry be to God on high, and peace on earth from
 2 O Lamb of God, Lord Je - sus Christ, whom God the Fa - ther
 3 You on - ly are the Ho - ly One, who came for our sal -

hea - ven, and God's good will un - fail - ing - ly be
 gave us, who for the world was sac - ri - ficed up -
 va - tion, and on - ly you are God's true Son, who

to all peo - ple giv - en. We bless, we wor - ship you, we raise for
 on the cross to save us; and, as you sit at God's right hand and
 was be - fore cre - a - tion. You, on - ly, Christ, as Lord we own and,

your great glo - ry thanks and praise, O God, Al - might - y Fa - ther.
 we for judg - ment there must stand, have mer - cy, Lord, up - on us.
 with the Spi - rit, you a - lone share in the Fa - ther's glo - ry.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

A reading from the first letter to Timothy (6:6–19)

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 1085

Commentary:

Throughout this practical, pastoral letter to Timothy, Paul has urged his young friend to stand strong against the destructive influence of false teaching. Paul also guided Timothy toward an eternal perspective, reminding him that real gain is defined by the acquisition of godliness, not material wealth. One indication of godliness is living the faith you profess. Money and possessions are not wrong in themselves, but inordinate love of them leads to all kinds of evil. Paul had a word of instruction for wealthy Ephesians, reminding them that the Giver, not the gifts, should be their focus. God's blessings enable us to bless others; wealth provides the opportunity to be rich in good works.

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring

about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

After the reading, the children leave for Children’s Chapel.

The Sequence

The antiphon is sung first by the Choir then repeated by all.



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Verse



Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, and I shall keep it— to the end.

Psalm 119:33

All repeat the Alleluias

The Holy Gospel: Luke 16:19–31

The Holy Bible (NRSV) p. 956

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames.’ But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ He said, ‘Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father’s house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ He said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People together

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, have mercy.

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

Offertory Anthem:

Sung by the choir

Alfred V. Fedak

Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's good grace;
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face.
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide.
Trust, and the trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life and Christ its love.

Faint not, nor fear, his arms are near;
he changes not, and thou art dear.
Only believe, and you will see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

Fight the good fight with all thy might!
Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right.
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

J.S.B. Monsell

Presentation Hymn 380 (*stanza 3*) "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A (*BCP p. 361*)

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:

Sanctus

Land of Rest

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord. God of power and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 (*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.**

The Breaking of the Bread (*BCP p. 364*)

The Fraction Anthem S-52

“Christ our Passover”

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

(*Gluten-free wafers are available upon request.*)

Hymn 335

“I am the bread of life”

I Am the Bread of Life

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

Closing Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

Hymn to Joy

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of Glo - ry, Lord of love;
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais - ing thee, their sun a - bove.
stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean - depth of hap - py rest!
Melt the clouds of sin and — sad - ness; drive the — dark of doubt a - way;
Field and for - est, vale and — moun - tain, bloom - ing — mea - dow, flash - ing sea,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our — Bro - ther: all who — live in love are thine;
giv - er of im - mor - tal glad - ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow - ing foun - tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
teach — us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.
Children's Chapel: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Jason Christopher James*

SUNDAY MORNINGS

ST. JAMES PARISH - DOWNTOWN

- 8:00 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite I
- 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist Rite II - Livestreamed
 - 10:00 a.m. - Faith Formation Hour
- 11:15 a.m. - Holy Eucharist Rite II - Livestreamed

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPT. 26- OCT. 2

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | Great Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR
5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- FELLOWSHIP DINNER
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Great Hall
- JUST MERCY BOOK STUDY
7:00 PM | Great Hall

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL 75th
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
6:00 PM | St. James Day School
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

- VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL
YOUTH TRIP BEGINS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 1

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
10:10 AM | Parish House & Milton Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish
- VIRGINIA CREEPER TRAIL
YOUTH TRIP CONCLUDES

*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 Saviour;
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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