

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

HOLY BAPTISM

SUNDAY 2 OCTOBER 2022

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Hymn 11

“Awake my soul and with the sun”

Morning Hymn

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God’s call to us;

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

p. 234

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4

The Holy Bible, *NSRV*, p. 856

Commentary: Habakkuk lived and ministered in the 7th century BC. One of the prophet’s main concerns was God’s lack of response to Habakkuk’s evil generation and the systemic injustices within the nation. The afflictions of the righteous and prosperity of the wicked greatly disturbed Habakkuk and as best he could tell, God was doing nothing. Habakkuk asked penetrating, timeless questions of God. The Lord promised that a day of reckoning will come, but in the meantime the righteous were to live by faith, a discipline relevant for Habakkuk’s day and our own.

The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw. O Lord, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen? Or cry to you “Violence!” and you will not save? Why do you make me see wrong-doing and look at trouble? Destruction and violence are before me; strife and contention arise. So the law becomes slack and justice never prevails. The wicked surround the righteous-- therefore judgment comes forth perverted. I will stand at my watchpost, and station myself on the rampart; I will keep watch to see what he will say to me, and what he will answer concerning my complaint. Then the Lord answered me and said: Write the vision; make it plain on tablets, so that a runner may read it. For there is still a vision for the appointed time; it speaks of the end, and does not lie. If it seems to tarry, wait for it; it will surely come, it will not delay. Look at the proud! Their spirit is not right in them, but the righteous live by their faith.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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

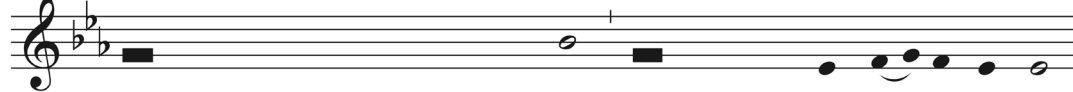
The Sequence

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.

Psalms 119:33

All repeat the Alleluias

The Holy Gospel: Luke 17:5–10

NRSV, p. 956

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!" The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you. "Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, 'Come here at once and take your place at the table'? Would you not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink'? Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, 'We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!'"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Fred Clarkson, Jr
Spanish Language Ministry Coordinator, Diocese of East Carolina

HOLY BAPTISM

~ Sarah Cecilia McMerty ~

Julia and Thomas McMerty, Parents

Ana Cláudia Varallo, Maria Carolina de Faro dos Santos, and Matheus Siqueira, Godparents

Presentation of the Candidate

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

Celebrant

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Sarah Cecilia McMerty to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

Celebrant

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God's help.

The Celebrant asks the following questions of the Parents and Godparents who speak on behalf of the candidate

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

The Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Celebrant then says

Let us join with Ceci who is committing herself to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant

p. 304

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

(The service continues overleaf.)

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?
People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

p. 305

Celebrant Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Celebrant Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

p. 306

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The Baptism

p. 307

Celebrant Ceci, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Ceci, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Henry Loosemore

O Lord, increase our faith,
strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith;
endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience,
in all our adversity.
Sweet Jesu, say Amen.

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

Old 100th

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer A

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.

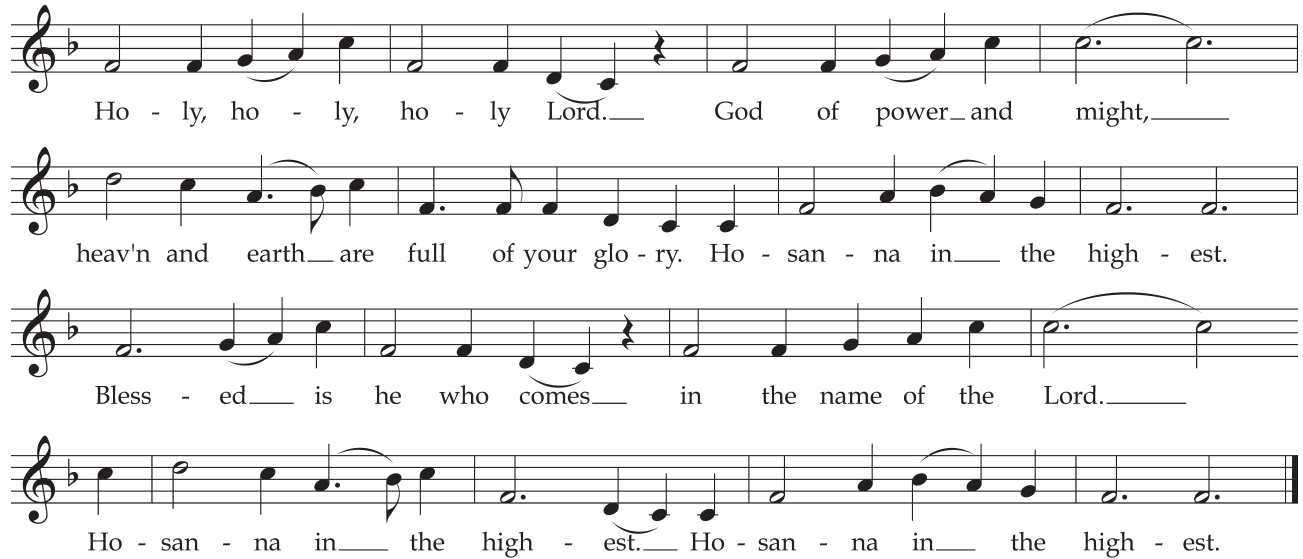
The Celebrant continues

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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



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.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**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.

The Postcommunion Prayer

Priest and People

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.***

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 541

“Come, labor on”

Ora Labora

The Dismissal

People Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Thanks be to God.



*Celebrant: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Fred Clarkson
Assisting Priest: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Children’s Chapel: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*

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

FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLES CLASS** - *Great Hall* - The Rev. Fred Clarkson, Spanish-Language Ministry Coordinator for the Diocese of East Carolina, leads “Who is My Neighbor Part III”
- **SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY** - *Lippitt Room* - Susan Ingle presents, “The Seven Signs in John - Part III”
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS**- *Stephen Ministry Room* - Neighbor Series Introduction: Topic: “What is a neighbor?”
- **JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE**- *Cookie's Office*- All 6th - 12th Graders are encouraged to join us!
- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th grades): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILDERS** (2nd and 3rd graders): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH FOUNDATIONS** (K-5 & 1st grade): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*
- **FAITH BUILT THROUGH WONDER** (3's & 4's): *2nd Fl. Milton Hall*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., OCTOBER 3-7

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 3

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15-7:00 PM | Lippitt Room
- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
5:30-6:15 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 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
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 PM | Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7

- SJDS CLOSED- Teacher Workday

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR - THIS IS US PRESENTATION BY ST. JAMES YOUTH
10:10 AM | Parish House & Milton Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the October 10th Digital Grapevine is October 7th.

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