

THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

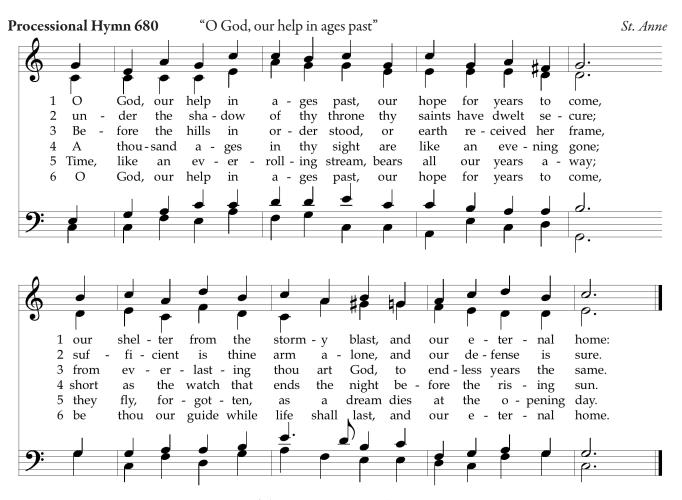
SUNDAY 23 OCTOBER 2022

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:00 A.M.

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements



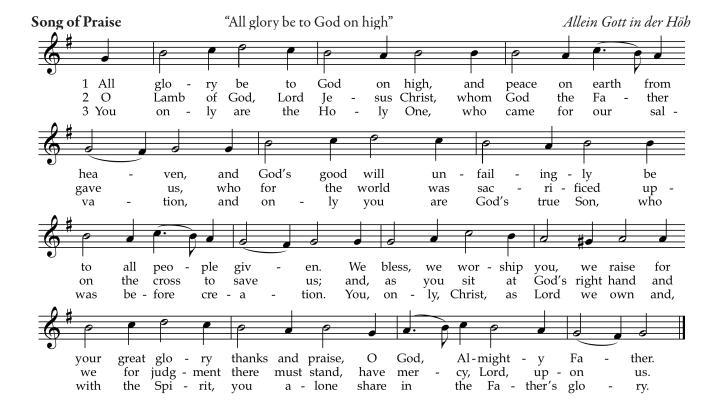
THE WORD OF GOD

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*.



Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The Lesson: 2 Timothy 4:6–8,16–18

NRSV, p. 1087

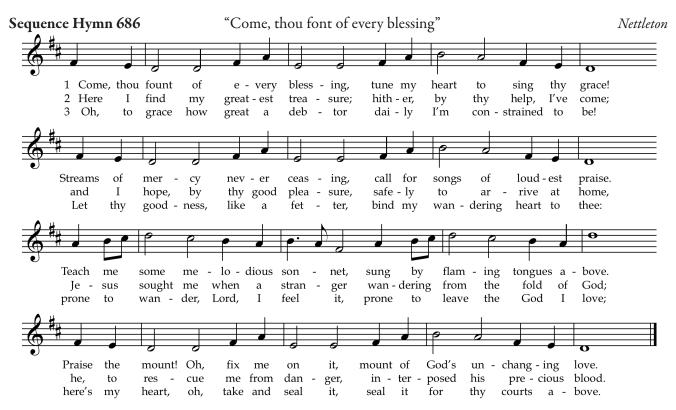
Commentary: When he wrote this letter to Timothy from a Roman prison, Paul sensed that he would soon be executed. Paul's life had been a living sacrifice to God since his conversion, but now that life was ebbing away. Paul compared his experiences to a victorious athlete and to a loyal steward of the faith. Because he had been faithful, Paul did not fear dying; instead, he looked forward to seeing his Lord. Paul did not dwell on disappointments and he was not vindictive toward those who had hurt or opposed him. To the very end Paul encouraged Timothy, and even in the face of death, he gave glory to God.

I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing. At my first defense no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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



The Holy Gospel: Luke 18:9–14

NRSV, p. 957

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and regarded others with contempt: "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, was praying thus, 'God, I thank you that I am not like other people: thieves, rogues, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of all my income.' But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even look up to heaven, but was beating his breast and saying, 'God, be merciful to me, a sinner!' I tell you, this man went down to his home justified rather than the other; for all who exalt themselves will be humbled, but all who humble themselves will be exalted."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

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, 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

Offertory Anthem: H. Walford Davies "Blest are the pure in heart"

> Blest are the pure in heart, For they shall see our God; The secret of the Lord is theirs; Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul He doth Himself impart; And for his cradle and his throne Chooseth the pure in heart.

−John Keble

Presentation Hymn 380 "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow" Old 100th stanza 3

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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Celebrant People

The Lord be with you.

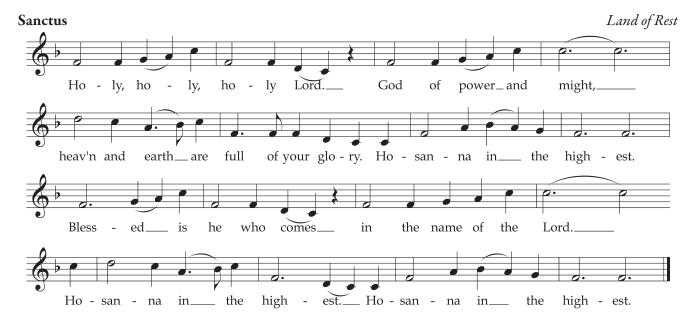
And also with you. Lift up your hearts.

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:



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 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 Fraction Anthem S-152 "Christ our Passover"

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.)

Communion Hymns

Hymn 313 "Let thy Blood in mercy poured"

Jesus, meine Zuversicht

Hymn 679

"Surely it is God who saves me"

Thomas Merton

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 637

"How firm a foundation"

Lyons

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Postlude



Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham Children's Chapel: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon Guest Organist & Choir Director: Lisa Nichol

The flowers at the altar and in the chapel are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Wanda Haddock Oden, William Kellam Oden, Elizabeth Robinson Earnhardt, and James Jennings Earnhardt.

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

ST. JAMES PARISH

MINISTRIES: WE NEED YOU

We have so many wonderful things happening at St. James Parish. There are a lot of different ways for you and your family to get involved. Take a look at a few of our current opportunities!

MEALS ON WHEELS

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, October 30th and we need volunteers to deliver meals to elderly and shut-ins! Anyone willing to drive a route, cook, pack, or bring cookies or tangerines is greatly appreciated. If you are able to help us pack, please plan to be in the Perry Hall Kitchen by 7:30 am on the October 30th. For those interested in cooking or providing supplies, please reach out so we can send the recipe for the meal.

We need clementines and two bite brownies. Please plan to bring donated supplies or food items, to be in Perry Hall no later than Thursday, October 27th! If you are willing and able to participate, please reach out to email Missy Pretlow at bpretlow@me.com.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES

Sunday mornings are seeing more children participating in Sunday School! We're so excited to see this growth happening in our program. This means, that we're in need of more hands to help us lead and shepherd these little ones. If you are interested in learning how you can help, please reach out to Ansley Trask at christian.formation@stjamesp.org.

YOUTH MINISTRIES

Our youth are on the move! With growing discussion groups and great momentum around our outreach and mission programs with St. James Youth, we need more adults to partner with our young people as they explore and grow their faith and ministries in our community. Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org to learn more!

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

REMEMBERING OUR LOVED ONES

At the morning services on Sunday, November 6 (All Saints' Sunday), we will remember the dearly departed as we toll the bell during the Prayers of the People. If you have someone from the past year whom you wish to remember, please call the church by Tuesday, November 1st (910-763-1628) or fill out our online form:

www.stjamesp.org/blog/all-saints-2022/

STEWARDSHIP 2023

PLEDGE DRIVE UNDERWAY

Our Parish theme for this year asks each of us to consider the question: "Who is My Neighbor?" Love is an action that Jesus repeatedly defined through the acts of service, especially service to our fellow people, our neighbors. Those teachings inspired this year's Stewardship theme, Neighbors in Giving.

www.stjamesp.org/blog/stewardship2023/

Moments of Joy





WEDNESDAYS AT ST. JAMES



FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- DISCIPLE'S CLASS & SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY- Bishop Parsley presents "FAITH AND HAPPINESS: Is There a Connection? Part I" - Great Hall
- FAITH DISCUSSIONS Neighbor Series: Introduction, Topic: "Who are our neighbors?" - Stephen Ministry Room
- JUBI-LATTE ROUNDTABLE (6th-12th grades): Cookie's Office
- 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 24-28

• MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM| Zoom

MONDAY, OCTOBER 24

• FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM| Great Hall

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 25

- MEN'S AL ANON 5:15-7:00 PM | Lippitt Room
- ST. JAMES ORIENTATION FOR NEWCOMERS 5:30 -7:00 PM| Great Hall
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP 7:00 PM | The Jarrett Home

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26

- YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY 7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST 12:10 PM| St. James Chapel

WEDNESDAY, Continued

- LAY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION 5:00 PM| St. James Church
- CHILDREN'S CHOIR 5:45 PM | Children's Chapel
- FELLOWSHIP DINNER 6:00 - 7:00 PM | Great Hall
- YOUTH GATHER TO SERVE 6:00 PM | Great Hall Kitchen
- JUST MERCY BOOK STUDY 7:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL 7:00 PM | Choir Room

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 27

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 28

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 30

- MEALS ON WHEELS 7:30 AM | Perry Hall Kitchen
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I 8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST 8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- 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
- TALLIS CHAMBER ORCHESTRA 4:00 PM | St. James Parish

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the October 31st Digital Grapevine is October 28th.

The deadline for the December Grapevine Magazine is November 21st.

Email communications@stjamesp.org.

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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