



THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 14 MAY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 8

"Morning has broken"

Bunessan

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.

People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Collect for Purity

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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.**

Hymn of Praise

Sine Nomine

1. God's Pas - chal Lamb is sac - ri - ficed for us;
2. Now is Christ raised and will not die a - gain;
3. In Christ we see the first fruits of the dead:

there - fore with joy we keep the Eas - ter feast:
death has no more do - min - ion ov - er him.
though Ad - am's tres - pass dooms all flesh to die,

for - sa - king sin, we share the bread of truth,
Through him we die to sin and live to God.
in Christ's new life shall all be made a - live.

Al - - le - lu - ia! Al - - le - lu - ia!

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Acts 17:22–31

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1012

Commentary: Luke reported, in this part of Acts, on the advance of the gospel into southern Greece, one of the areas Paul evangelized on his second missionary journey. Paul began his speech by acknowledging the Athenians' reverence for their many gods. Then, Paul related what the one true God had revealed about Himself. Paul explained that the true God made and sustained all things, and that God is sovereign over the nations, yet near to each person. Paul pointed out that worship of man-made idols is illogical and concluded by stating that the God who created in the past redeems in the present and will judge in the future. God's appointed agent of judgment will be the resurrected Jesus Christ.

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 66:7–18

The antiphon is first sung by the cantor, then repeated by all

Jubilate Deo

ANTIPHON: 

Bless our God, you peo-ples; make the voice of his praise be heard.

Psalm chant:



Bless our God, you / **peoples**; *
 make the voice of his praise to be / **heard**;
 Who holds our souls in / **life**, *
 and will not allow our feet to / **slip**.
 For you, O God, have / **proved us**; *
 you have tried us just as silver is / **tried**.
 You brought us into the / **snare**; *
 you laid heavy burdens upon our / **backs**.

ANTIPHON

You let enemies ride over our heads;
 we went through fire and / **water**; *
 but you brought us out into a place of re-/**freshment**.
 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings
 and will pay you my / **vows**, *
 which I promised with my lips
 and spoke with my mouth when I was in / **trouble**.

I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts
 with the smoke of / **rams**; *
 I will give you oxen and / **goats**.
 Come and listen, all you who fear / **God**, *
 and I will tell you what he has / **done for me**.

ANTIPHON

I called out to him with my / **mouth**, *
 and his praise was on my / **tongue**.
 If I had found evil in my / **heart**, *
 the Lord would not have / **heard me**;
 But in truth God has / **heard me**; *
 he has attended to the voice of my / **prayer**.
 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my / **prayer**, *
 nor withheld his love / **from me**.

ANTIPHON

Commentary: In this part of his epistle, Peter was primarily concerned with the Christian's response to actual persecution. Peter pointed out that at times people will suffer for doing good, but rather than being fearful, believers should commit themselves afresh to Christ as Lord and continue living for Him. A clear conscience is possible from knowing that suffering has happened in spite of good behavior. Peter now reminded his readers of the consequences of Jesus' response to unjust persecution. Peter did this in order to strengthen their resolve to rededicate themselves to follow God's will wholeheartedly and confidently, and to assure them of their ultimate triumph in Jesus Christ.

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 386

“We sing of God, the mighty source”

Cornwall

The Holy Gospel: John 14:15–21

NRSV, p. 985

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said, “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

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Celebrant and People

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:

...We call out to you with our mouths;

Your praise is on our tongues.

The Peace

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Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me,
 keep my commandments,
 and I will pray the Father,
 and he shall give you another comforter,
 that he may bide with you forever,
 e'en the spirit of truth.

~John 14:15-17

Presentation Hymn 618

"Ye watchers and ye holy ones" *fourth stanza only*

Lasst uns erfreuen



O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing,
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! To God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, Three in One,
 Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

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

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...


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

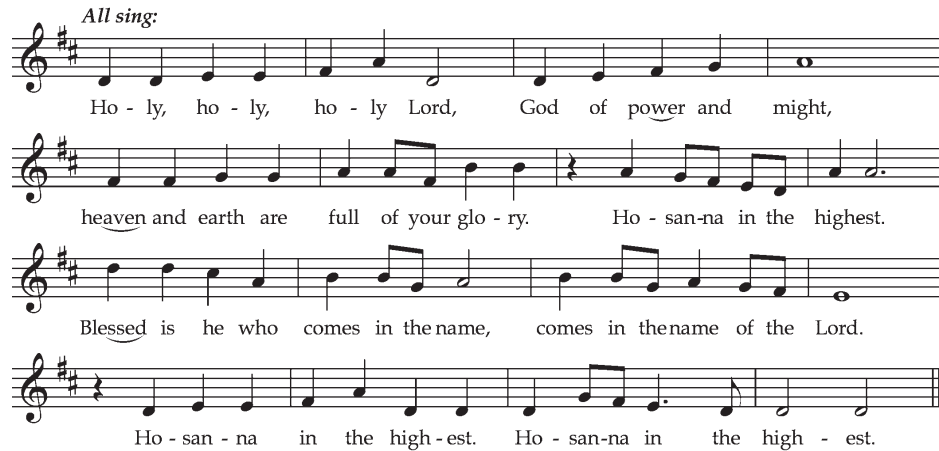
“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

John Sullivan

Organ:



All sing:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name, comes in the name of the Lord.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

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,

The Lord's Prayer

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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

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Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Agnus Dei

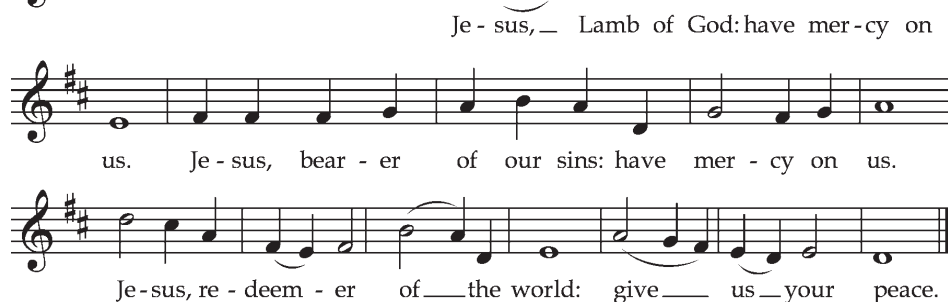
“Jesus, Lamb of God”

Sullivan

Organ:



All sing:



Je - sus, — Lamb of God: have mer - cy on
us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins: have mer - cy on us.
Je - sus, re - deem - er of — the world: give — us — your peace.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 705	“As those of old their first fruits brought”	<i>Forest Green</i>
Hymn 704	“O thou who camest from above”	<i>Hereford</i>
Hymn 512	“Come, gracious Spirit, heavenly Dove”	<i>Mendon</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 292

“O Jesus, crowned with all renown”

Kingsfold

The Dismissal

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

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dev and Margaret Lippitt; Dev and Gabrielle Lippitt.*

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

2023 SILENT AUCTION

Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. - May 17 at 8:00 p.m. | Online

The St. James Youth Silent Auction is on the way! To help raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, the fundraiser will be held Sunday, May 14 - 17 8:00 p.m. EST. In addition to the online auction, we'll be hosting a "Cash and Carry" shopping opportunity with small items available for purchase on the Youth Hall. We're so excited to see so many wonderful items, services, and experiences available for bid! Have questions? Please reach out to Cookie Cantwell at cookie@stjamesp.org.

MEN ON A MISSION: A SAFE PLACE WORKDAY

Saturday, May 20 | 8:00 a.m. | ASP - Contact Brian McMerty for Directions

The St. James Men on a Mission have a workday planned at A Safe Place on Saturday, May 20. A Safe Place is one of our partnering charities that works to fight human trafficking in our local community. This time of service will be followed by a hamburger cookout. Point of contact for this event is Brian McMerty (bmcmetry@arris.partners).

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME IN MAY

Sunday, May 21 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Maynard Home - RSVP online

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in May! The Maynard & Colonna Families have teamed up to host this great event. Please bring whatever appetizer, side or dessert you would like to go with the entrees. We will have juice boxes, water, and some beer and wine.

PENTECOST AT ST. JAMES & MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, May 28th

Mark your calendars! The season of Pentecost brings so many reasons to celebrate. On Sunday, May 28th, we give thanks for the gift of the Holy Spirit among us and the birth of the Church. We wear red in honor of the fire that descended on that first Pentecost so long ago. For our parish family, we will also celebrate the return of the Rev. Cheryl Brainard from her "May Away" and the opening of Mt. Lebanon Chapel for Summer Worship!

QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Saturday, June 3 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Our lives, our communities, our world is noisy. We are bombarded all day long with much that asks for our attention. There is little space to slow down, be quiet, rest our spirits. Just as we need air to breath, water to drink, food to eat for our survival, our emotional and spiritual wellbeing needs silence and undistracting spaces to think, to rest, simply to be still, to listen for the moment of the Spirit. If your spirit longs for this kind of quiet and rest, join us at Mt. Lebanon Chapel on the first Saturday of each month for a time of quiet and refreshment. The quiet is from 7:30-8:30 AM. You are welcome to come for as much or as little of the hour as you wish. There will be interludes of quiet piano music during the hour. Some poems and prayers will be provided should you wish to have something to read in the silence, or bring your own reading material. There are no rules about how to do this, just an invitation and an offering to a beautiful, sacred space in which to sit and rest. ALL ARE WELCOME!

PARISH PICNIC AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, June 4 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Save the date! We're hosting a Parish Picnic at Mt. Lebanon Chapel on Sunday, June 4! The grill is ready, a bouncy house is in the works, and the band is picking songs! Make plans to join us for a time of fellowship, music, food, and fun.

TODAY

• SJP YOUTH SIP'N'SEE & SILENT AUCTION KICK OFF

May 14 | 5:00 p.m. | Perry Hall

To help our St. James Youth raise money for our materials, our travel and our outreach opportunities, The "Silent Auction 2023" will be held Sunday, May 14 at 8:00 p.m. - 17 at 8:00 p.m. We would like to invite everyone to participate in the bidding.

Auction Website: 32auctions.com/SJYAuction2023

Before you bid, come join our St. James Youth in the Lee Parish Hall for an Alcohol Free Sip'N'See Silent Auction preview. This will be your chance to get an up-close look at some of the items up for bid! The Cash and Carry will officially be open for business and will be a first come first serve opportunity to purchase some of our smaller items throughout the duration of this year's Auction.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 15-19

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

MONDAY, MAY 15

- SILENT AUCTION UNDERWAY
All Day | Online
- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, MAY 16

- SILENT AUCTION UNDERWAY
All Day | Online
- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

- SILENT AUCTION UNDERWAY
Concludes at 8:00 PM | Online
- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 18

- GLORY RIDGE REGISTRATION DUE
Today is the deadline to register!
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30-8:30 PM | Graham Parlor
- ST. JAMES CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00-8:30 PM | Choir Room

FRIDAY, MAY 19

- SJDS LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
All Day | St. James Day School

SATURDAY, MAY 13

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- MEN ON A MISSION: A SAFE PLACE
8:00 AM | A Safe Place

SUNDAY, MAY 21

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30-9:30 AM | Great Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
9:00 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
10:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
11:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME
4:00-6:00 PM | The Maynard Home

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 22nd Digital Grapevine is Friday, May 19th.
The deadline for the June Grapevine Magazine is May 24th. 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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