



# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 21 MAY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

11:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 494

“Crown him with many crowns”

*Diademata*

## 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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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, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

*Commentary: The key to the apostles' successful ministry was the presence and enabling power of the Holy Spirit within them. Without the Holy Spirit, the apostles could only follow Jesus' example, but with the Spirit, Jesus could continue to work and teach through them. Instead of speculating about future events, the apostles' mission was to bear witness to their Lord. Jesus' followers saw Him ascend from them and this became part of their testimony about Him. Jesus ascended bodily, visibly and gloriously, and He will return the same way.*

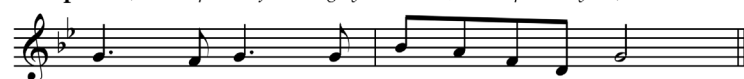
When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

People                      The Word of the Lord.  
                                    **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 68:1–10, 33–36

Exsurgat Deus

**Antiphon** (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all.)



Sing to God, sing praises to his Name.

Psalm chant:



Let God arise, and let his enemies be / **scattered**; \*  
let those who hate him flee be-/fore him.  
Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it a-/way; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire,  
so let the wicked perish at the presence of / **God**.

**ANTIPHON**

But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before / **God**; \*  
let them also be merry and / **joyful**.  
Sing to God, sing praises to his Name;  
exalt him who rides upon the / **heavens**; \*  
YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice be-/fore him!

**ANTIPHON**

Father of orphans, defender of / **widows**, \*  
God in his holy habi-/tation!  
God gives the solitary a home  
and brings forth prisoners into / **freedom**; \*  
but the rebels shall live in / **dry places**.

**ANTIPHON**

O God, when you went forth before your / **people**, \*  
when you marched through the / **wilderness**,  
The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,  
at the presence of God, the God of / **Sinai**, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of / **Israel**.

**ANTIPHON**

You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your in-/heritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was / **weary**.  
Your people found their / **home in it**; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made  
provision for the / **poor**.

**ANTIPHON**

Sing to God, O kingdoms of the / **earth**; \*  
sing praises to the / **Lord**.  
He rides in the heavens, the ancient / **heavens**; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty / **voice**.

**ANTIPHON**

Ascribe power to / **God**; \*  
his majesty is over Israel;  
his strength is in the / **skies**.  
How wonderful is God in his holy / **places**! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be / **God**!

**ANTIPHON**

*Commentary: Some Christians are surprised when others misunderstand, dislike, insult or ridicule them as they seek to carry out God's will. Peter reminds his readers that negative reactions toward them are not unusual but normal Christian experience. Persecuted Christians have the help and consolation of the indwelling Holy Spirit when they suffer for Christ's sake. In hard circumstances, Peter urges his readers to entrust themselves and their troubles to God, who is concerned for their welfare. Peter's readers were in danger from the devil if they yielded to the temptation to doubt God's goodness, especially when life is hard. Satan seeks to deceive and devour the unwary but we do not stand alone in resisting the devil; God has the power to help us endure whatever suffering He allows into our lives.*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

### Sequence Hymn 483

"The head that once was crowned with thorns"

*St. Magnus*

### The Holy Gospel: John 17:1–11, 20–21

NRSV, p. 987

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

People

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

"I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

### 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 are yours;                      **Be glorified in us.**

## 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

Jerry F. Davidson

*God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face;  
Shine upon us, Savior, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend,  
Unto earth's remotest end.*

*Let thy people praise thee, Lord,  
Be by all that live adored;  
Let the nations shout and sing  
Glory to their Savior King;  
Let all be below, above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.  
~Henry Francis Lyte*

## 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.**

*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**

<b>Hymn 315</b>	“Thou, who at thy first Eucharist didst pray”	<i>Song 1</i>
<b>Hymn 635</b>	“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”	<i>Wer nur den lieben Gott</i>
<b>Hymn 302</b>	“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”	<i>Rendez à dieu</i>

**The Postcommunion Prayer**

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*Celebrant* Let us pray.

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 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 460**

“Alleluia, sing to Jesus!”

*Hyfrydol***The Dismissal**

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

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

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Tune Nunnelee II.*



# ST. JAMES PARISH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **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 breathe, 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.

### **GLORY RIDGE MISSION EXPERIENCE**

*June 11-17 | Glory Ridge*

Get ready to join the St. James Youth on their first major outreach project of the summer. They'll be journeying to Marshall, NC to serve the community in the area surrounding Glory Ridge. Come learn to experience worship in action! Email Cookie at [cookie@stjamesp.org](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) to learn more. **Deadline to register is May 18th!**

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS**

*July 31-August 3 | Sign Up Online or Call the Parish Office*

Vacation Bible School will be here before you know it! We're in need of some helping hands to make it all come together. This year's VBS is July 31-August 3. Do you love art? Sign up to help lead our craft station! Are you a fan of adorable snacks? Help with our snack time! We've got tons of great ways to get involved with this year's VBS. Email Ansley Trask at [christianformation@stjamesp.org](mailto:christianformation@stjamesp.org) to see where you can join the fun or visit [stjamesp.org/vbs23/](http://stjamesp.org/vbs23/) sign up online!

## FAITH FORMATION TODAY

- **DISCIPLE'S CLASS** - End-of-Class-Year Celebration and Planning for Next Year-  
*The Lippitt Room*
- **FAITH DISCUSSIONS CLASS** - How do we love our neighbors as ourselves?  
*- The Stephen Ministry Room*
- **JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE** (6th-12th grades) - *Cookie's Office*

- **FAITH ADVENTURERS** (4th & 5th graders): *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*

## TODAY

- **BREAD BREAKERS' HOSPITALITY AT HOME** - *May 21 | 4-6:00 p.m. | Maynard Home - RSVP Requested*
- **GLORY RIDGE MISSION TRIP MEETING** - *May 21 | 5:00 p.m. | Youth Room*
- **QUITO MISSION TRIP MEETING** - *May 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Youth Room*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., MAY 22-26

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

### MONDAY, MAY 22

- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

### TUESDAY, MAY 23

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 24

- SJP YOUTH STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish
- COMMUNITY OF HOPE  
INTERNATIONAL WITH THE. REV.  
DEACON KITTY DAVIS  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

### THURSDAY, MAY 25

- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
6:30-8:30 PM | Graham Parlor

### FRIDAY, MAY 26

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, MAY 27

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room

### SUNDAY, MAY 28

#### **PENTECOST**

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADES AT MT. LEBANON  
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II  
10:30 AM | St. James Parish & Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 29<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.  
The deadline for the July Grapevine Magazine is June 24<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto: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.*

## ST. JAMES PARISH

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