



# THE DAY OF PENTECOST

SUNDAY 28 MAY 2023

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

8:30 A.M.

### 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.**

#### The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

#### Gloria in excelsis

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**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

#### The Collect of the Day

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O God, who on this day taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: Grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgment in all things, and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### The Lesson: Acts 2:1–21

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 994

*Commentary: At the beginning of Jesus' earthly ministry, the Holy Spirit descended upon Him in the form of a dove (see Luke 3:22). Now, as Jesus' disciples began their ministry in the church era, the Holy Spirit descended on them in rushing wind and fire. The same Spirit who indwelt and empowered Jesus' ministry would now indwell and empower Jesus' followers. Fire and wind symbolized the presence of God; believers received a visible as well as an audible indication the Holy Spirit had come. Speaking in unlearned languages was outward evidence of God's inner working in the disciples. Peter addressed the crowd and cited Joel's prophecy as an illustration of the process begun that day, the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.*

When the day of Pentecost had come, the disciples were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs— in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power." All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" But others sneered and said, "They are filled with new wine."

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning. No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 104:25–35, 37**

*read responsively by whole verse*

*Benedic, anima mea*

25 O LORD, how manifold are your works! \*  
in wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

26 **Yonder is the great and wide sea  
with its living things too many to number, \*  
creatures both small and great.**

27 There move the ships,  
and there is that Leviathan, \*  
which you have made for the sport of it.

28 **All of them look to you \*  
to give them their food in due season.**

29 You give it to them; they gather it; \*  
you open your hand,  
and they are filled with good things.

30 **You hide your face, and they are terrified; \*  
you take away their breath,  
and they die and return to their dust.**

31 You send forth your Spirit, and they are created; \*  
and so you renew the face of the earth.

32 **May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; \*  
may the Lord rejoice in all his works.**

33 He looks at the earth and it trembles; \*  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.

34 **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live; \*  
I will praise my God while I have my being.**

35 May these words of mine please him; \*  
I will rejoice in the Lord.

37 **Bless the Lord, O my soul. \*  
Hallelujah!**

**The Holy Gospel: John 7:37–39**

*NRSV, p. 976*

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

*People*

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On the last day of the festival, the great day, while Jesus was standing there, he cried out, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink. As the scripture has said, 'Out of the believer's heart shall flow rivers of living water.'" Now he said this about the Spirit, which believers in him were to receive; for as yet there was no Spirit, because Jesus was not yet glorified.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows

*Celebrant* Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?  
*People* **I do.**

*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.**

*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.**

*Celebrant* May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

*The response to each petition:*

...You send forth your Spirit;

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

## 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

### 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until the Celebrant says the following words*

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.**

*Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Communion of the People**

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

### **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**

May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### **The Dismissal**

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



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*  
*Music: Zach Bugg*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
John W. & Mamie D. Parker, Joe L. Jenkins, Martha Jenkins Gordon*

## ST. JAMES PARISH

# UPCOMING EVENTS

### **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.

### **BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME IN JUNE**

*Sunday, June 11 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Blair s & Lees host- RSVP online*

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in June! The Blair and Lee 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.

### **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!

### **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](mailto:bmcmetry@arris.partners)).



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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., MAY 29-JUNE 2

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

### MONDAY, MAY 29

- **MEMORIAL DAY - OFFICE CLOSED**
- MEMORIAL DAY MORNING PRAYER  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA  
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

### TUESDAY, MAY 30

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

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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

### THURSDAY, JUNE 1

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### FRIDAY, JUNE 2

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, JUNE 3

- QUIET REFLECTION  
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON  
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room

### SUNDAY, JUNE 4

#### **TRINITY SUNDAY**

- 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
- PARISH PICNIC  
4:00-6:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the June 5<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, June 2<sup>nd</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.*

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