



THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST TRINITY SUNDAY

SUNDAY 4 JUNE 2023
8:30 A.M. & 9:30 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

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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Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Genesis 1:1–2:4a

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1

Commentary: The plurality of God's nature is evident in this creation account, which is theocentric, not creature-centered. Its purpose is to glorify the Creator by magnifying Him through the lens of the created order. (The complementary, creature-centric view of creation is found in Genesis 2.) God created the universe from nothing. Only God is eternal, everything else owes its origin and existence to Him. God accomplished His act of

creating by means of His Spirit. God brought cosmic order out of chaos as He divided light and darkness, waters and dry land, the world above from the world below. Then He filled the uninhabited earth with life. God declared His creation 'good', He saw that it was beautiful, purposeful and orderly.

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day. And God said, "Let there be a dome in the midst of the waters, and let it separate the waters from the waters." So God made the dome and separated the waters that were under the dome from the waters that were above the dome. And it was so. God called the dome Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, the second day. And God said, "Let the waters under the sky be gathered together into one place, and let the dry land appear." And it was so. God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it." And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day. And God said, "Let there be lights in the dome of the sky to separate the day from the night; and let them be for signs and for seasons and for days and years, and let them be lights in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth." And it was so. God made the two great lights—the greater light to rule the day and the lesser light to rule the night—and the stars. God set them in the dome of the sky to give light upon the earth, to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the fourth day. And God said, "Let the waters bring forth swarms of living creatures, and let birds fly above the earth across the dome of the sky." So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, of every kind, with which the waters swarm, and every winged bird of every kind. And God saw that it was good. God blessed them, saying, "Be fruitful and multiply and fill the waters in the seas, and let birds multiply on the earth." And there was evening and there was morning, the fifth day. And God said, "Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind: cattle and creeping things and wild animals of the earth of every kind." And it was so. God made the wild animals of the earth of every kind, and the cattle of every kind, and everything that creeps upon the ground of every kind. And God saw that it was good. Then God said, "Let us make humankind in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, and over all the wild animals of the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps upon the earth." So God created humankind in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." God said, "See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have them for food. And to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the air, and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food." And it was so. God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day. Thus the heavens and the earth were finished, and all their multitude. And on the seventh day God finished the work that he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all the work that he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all the work that he had done in creation. These are the generations of the heavens and the earth when they were created.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 8

read responsively by whole verse

Domine, Dominus noster

O LORD our Governor, *

how exalted is your Name in all the world!

Out of the mouths of infants and children *

your majesty is praised above the heavens.

You have set up a stronghold against your adversaries, *

to quell the enemy and the avenger.

When I consider your heavens, the work of your fingers, *

the moon and the stars you have set in their courses,

What is man that you should be mindful of him? *

the son of man that you should seek him out?

You have made him but little lower than the angels; *
you adorn him with glory and honor;

You give him mastery over the works of your hands; *
you put all things under his feet:

All sheep and oxen, *
even the wild beasts of the field,

The birds of the air, the fish of the sea, *
and whatsoever walks in the paths of the sea.

O LORD our Governor, *
how exalted is your Name in all the world!

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
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:

...Glory to you, Holy Trinity;

We will praise you and highly exalt you forever.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant 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 Priest stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

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 B

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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 Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.

**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

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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 Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Music: Tim Ford

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

June 6, 20, & 22 | 4:30-7:30 p.m. | The Good Shepherd Center

The MoM Squad has agreed to serve meals to the homeless on the first and third Tuesday of each month and the fourth Thursday of each month. Please let us know if you would like to serve. Shifts run from 4:30 PM to about 7 PM. The guys who have already done this found it to be a very simple, yet highly rewarding, experience. If you can stand for 45 minutes, you can do this! Reach out to Brian McMerty to volunteer! (bmcmetry@arris.partners).

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 to learn more. **You can help support our youth as they prepare by bringing canned goods and other requested items to the bacon house prior to June 8th.**

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.

QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Saturday, July 1 | 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!

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 to see where you can join the fun or visit stjamesp.org/vbs23/ sign up online!

TODAY

• **ST. JAMES PARISH PICNIC-** *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 bluegrass band is picking songs! Make plans to join us for a time of fellowship, music, food, and fun. We'll bring hotdogs, hamburgers, & dessert! You're invited to bring a side dish. To help make sure we have a good variety, please refer to the last name initial & dish list below.

A-H: Bring a fruit or veggie-based dish.

I-P: Bring a starch-based dish.

Q-Z: Bring a kid-friendly favorite.

When you bring your dish, please also bring an index card with the recipe/ingredients so folks can take a picture if they love your dish (this is also helpful for folks with food allergies.) Don't forget to pack your picnic blankets, a spare chair, sunscreen, and bug spray!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JUNE 5-9

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

MONDAY, JUNE 5

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:30PM | Good Shepherd Center
- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15PM | Lippitt Room
- SJP YOUTH: ECUADOR TRIP MEETING
7:00 PM | Youth Room

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

- GLORY RIDGE DONATIONS DUE

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JUNE 10

- SUNRISE SERENITY AL ANON
7:45-10:00 AM | Bishop Wright Room
- SECOND SATURDAY CLEAN UP
9:00-11:00 AM | Cape Fear River Watch

SUNDAY, JUNE 11

GLORY RIDGE MISSION BEGINS

- 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
- HOSPITALITY AT HOME
4:00-6:00 PM | Lees & Blairs Host

*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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