

# THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

**SUNDAY 11 JUNE 2023** 

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

**Processional Hymn 401** 

"The God of Abraham praise"

Leoni

#### THE WORD OF GOD

#### **Opening Acclamation**

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

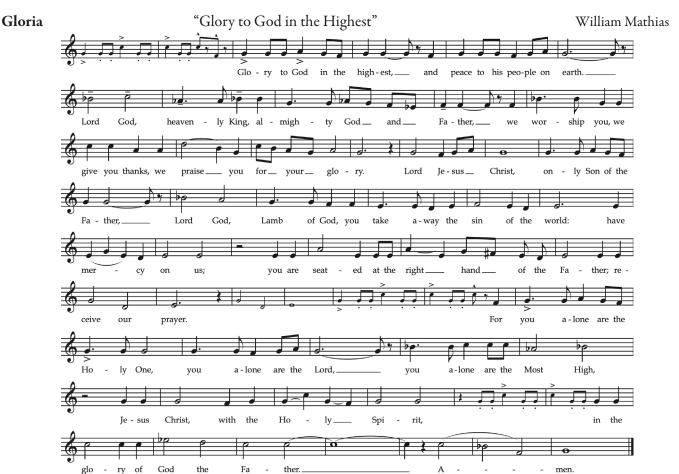
Celebrant

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People

And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity p. 355



The Collect of the Day p. 229

Celebrant The Lord be with you. People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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: Genesis 12:1-9

The Holy Bible; NRSV, p. 9

Commentary: When God called him to leave his ancestral homeland, Abram (later renamed Abraham, see Genesis 17:5) had only a promise from God, yet Abraham believed and obeyed. At this point God's promises were short on details, but Abraham realized that God's blessing meant that he would be a blessing to others. God's ultimate purpose was to bless all humankind through Abraham and his descendants. At Shechem, God revealed Himself to Abraham for the first time within the Promised Land. However, the reference to Canaanites in the land foreshadowed the fact that Israel would not take possession of the land without a grueling struggle.

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

> The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Psalm 33:1-12

People

Exultate, justi

Rejoice in the Lord, you / righteous; \* it is good for the just to sing / praises. Praise the Lord with the / harp; \* play to him upon the psaltery and / lyre.

#### ANTIPHON

Sing for him a new / song; \* sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the / trumpet. For the word of the Lord is / right, \* and all his works are / sure.

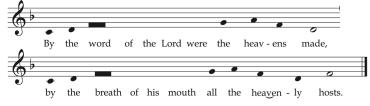
#### ANTIPHON

He loves righteousness and / justice; \* the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole / earth. By the word of the Lord were the heavens / made, \* by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly / hosts.

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a / water-skin \* and stores up the depths of the / sea. Let all the earth fear the / Lord; \* let all who dwell in the world stand in / awe of him.

#### ANTIPHON

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





For he spoke, and it came to / pass; \* he commanded, and it stood / fast. The Lord brings the will of the nations to / naught; \* he thwarts the designs of the / peoples.

#### ANTIPHON

But the Lord's will stands fast for / ever, \* and the designs of his heart from age to / age. Happy is the nation whose God is the / Lord! \* happy the people he has chosen to be his / own!

#### ANTIPHON

NRSV, p. 1029

Commentary: In this part of Romans Paul referred to God's covenant with Abraham to explain that righteousness comes by faith, not by works. God promised that many nations would be blessed through Abraham and the promise was given because of Abraham's faith. Abraham believed God even in the face of discouraging facts about his physical capabilities. Abraham gave glory to God by believing that God could and would do what He promised. Paul applied God's dealings with Abraham to his readers by reminding them that the same God, who brings life out of death, raised Jesus from the dead. As in Abraham's day, God will count as righteous all who come to Him by faith.

The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

Sequence Hymn 393

"Praise our great and gracious Lord"

Moaz Zur

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

NRSV, p. 886

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me." And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners." While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed p. 358

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:

...O God, we long to see your face;

Show us your favor.

#### Confession of Sin and Absolution

p. 360

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 p. 360

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

#### Welcome and Announcements

#### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Anthem

tune: Southwell arr. Georgiann H. Toole

Lord Jesus, think on me, and purge away my sin. From earth-born passions set me free, and make me pure within. Lord Jesus, think on me, amid the battle's strife. In all my pain and misery be thou my health and life.

Lord Jesus, think on me, nor let me go astray. Through darkness and perplexity point thou the heavenly way. Lord Jesus, think on me, that, when this life is past, I may eternal brightness see, and share thy joy at last.

~Synesius of Cyrene (c. 370-c. 414) Trans. A. W. Chatfield, 1876

#### **Presentation Hymn**

Old 100th

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

#### **The Great Thanksgiving** — Eucharistic Prayer B

p. 367

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.

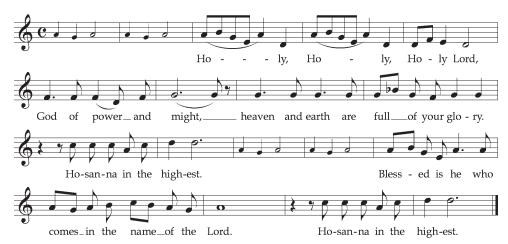
Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

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"

Mathias



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,

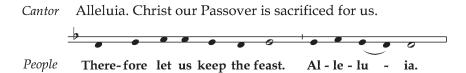
The Lord's Prayer p. 364

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 Breaking of the Bread

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#### Fraction Anthem S 152



#### The Communion of the People

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

#### **Communion Hymns**

Hymn 706	"In your mercy, Lord, you called me"	Halton Holgate
Hymn 773	"Heal me, hands of Jesus"	Sharpe
Hymn 676	"There is a balm in Gilead"	Balm in Gilead

#### 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

Closing Hymn 709

"O God of Bethel, by whose hand"

Dundee

The Dismissal

p. 366

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

**Postlude** 





Celebrant & 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 Helen Margaret Messick Willetts and Frederick Willetts, Jr.

#### THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

#### **MON.- FRI., JUNE 12-16**

- MORNING PRAYER 8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS SUMMER CAMP #1 8:30 AM -12:30 PM | SJDS
- GLORY RIDGE MISSION EXPERIENCE Pray for those serving at Glory Ridge!

#### **MONDAY, JUNE 12**

- FELLOWSHIP AA 7:00 PM | The Great Hall
- VESTRY MEETING 5:15 PM | Graham Parlor

#### **TUESDAY, JUNE 13**

• MEN'S AL ANON 5:15PM | Lippitt Room

#### **WEDNESDAY, JUNE 14**

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

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 15

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 16

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

#### **SATURDAY, JUNE 17** GLORY RIDGE MISSION CONCLUDES

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

#### **SUNDAY, JUNE 18**

- 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 June 19th Digital Grapevine is Friday, June 16th. The deadline for the July Grapevine Magazine is June 24th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

#### ST. JAMES PARISH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

#### **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 <code>cookie@stjamesp.org</code> to learn more. You can help support our youth by praying for them throughout this week.

#### **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.

#### MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

June 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! (bmcmerty@arris.partners).

#### 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!

#### **NEWCOMER CELEBRATION**

July 9 | 10:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Save the date! Following the 9:30 a.m. service on July, 9th we'll gather at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for a time of fellowship focused on getting to know our newcomers. Come ready to welcome and meet some new faces.

#### **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!

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