



# THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 18 JUNE 2023

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

### Prelude

### Processional Hymn 11

“Awake, my soul, and with the sun”

*Morning Hymn*

### 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

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### Gloria

“Glory to God in the Highest”

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heaven - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we

give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the

Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther; re -

ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the

Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High,

Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the

glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - - - - men.

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

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson: Genesis 18:1–15**The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 13

*Commentary: When God first spoke to Abraham, telling him to leave his homeland and travel to an unknown place, the call came with a promise of descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. However, after many years Abraham and his wife Sarah remained childless. Even before Abraham realized that his three unexpected guests were divine visitors, he offered them gracious hospitality, taking the role of a servant ready to address their every need. Now, after Abraham and Sarah had left their child-bearing years far behind, God promised to present them with a biological heir, a son who would be named Isaac. In response to Sarah's laugh of unbelief, the Lord's rhetorical question reminded the elderly couple of His supernatural power, and thus strengthened their faith. It was through Isaac that God's covenant with Abraham would be carried forward.*

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I have pleasure?" The LORD said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh, and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too wonderful for the LORD? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh"; for she was afraid. He said, "Oh yes, you did laugh."

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

**Psalm 116:1, 4, 10-17***Dilexi, quoniam***Antiphon** (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)

Gracious is the Lord and righteous; our God is full of com-pas - sion.

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
the voice of my suppli-/cation, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me  
whenever I / **called upon him.**

How shall I repay the / **LORD**  
for all the good things he has / **done for me?**

**ANTIPHON**

I will lift up the cup of sal-/vation \*  
and call upon the Name of the / **LORD.**  
I will fulfill my vows to the / **LORD** \*  
in the presence of all his / **people.**

**ANTIPHON****Psalm chant**

Precious in the sight of the / **LORD** \*  
is the death of his / **servants.**  
O Lord, I am your / **servant; \***  
I am your servant and the child of your handmaid;  
you have freed me from my / **bonds.**

**ANTIPHON**

I will offer you the sacrifice of / **thanksgiving** \*  
and call upon the Name of the / **LORD**.  
I will fulfill my vows to the / **LORD** \*  
in the presence of all his / **people**,

*Second half of chant:*  
In the courts of the / **LORD's house**, \*  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.  
**Halle-/lujah!**

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: Romans 5:1–8**

*NRSV*, p. 1029

*Commentary: Paul wrote that we are justified, made righteous, on the basis of faith. Because of this, we can have peace with God; that is, we are reconciled to Him. Not only that, faith in Jesus Christ opens the door to a continuing relationship with God. Also, believers can look forward with hope to the glory we will experience when we stand in the Lord's presence. God does not waste our sufferings, they produce steadfast endurance and proven character. Progress in character development testifies to God's grace in our lives and engenders hope as we trust that God loves us and enables us to withstand the hardships of life in this fallen world. God's provision of His own Son as our Savior demonstrates the depth of His love.*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person— though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 488**

“Be thou my vision”

*Slane*

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:35–10:8–23**

*NRSV*, p. 887

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

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.” Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: “Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

“See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have

them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

### **The Sermon**

The Reverend Cheryl Brainard

### **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 give you thanks!

**We bless your name!**

### **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

### Offertory Anthem

“How Can I Keep From Singing?”

*American melody,  
arr. John Sullivan*

My life flows on in endless song;  
Above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, though faroff hymn  
That hails a new creation;  
Thro' all the tumult and the strife  
I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul:  
How can I keep from singing?

What though my joys and comforts die?  
The Lord my Savior liveth;  
What though the darkness gather round?  
Songs in the night he giveth.  
No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that refuge clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;  
I see the blue above it;  
And day by day this pathway smooths,  
Since first I learned to love it;  
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,  
A fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am his:  
How can I keep from singing?

*~text: source unknown*

### 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

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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”

Mathias

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 high-est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.



*The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:*

### *Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

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.**

## 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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## Fraction Anthem S 152

People      There-fore let us keep the feast.      Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Communion of the People

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

## Communion Hymns

|                 |                                       |                   |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Hymn 321</b> | “My God, thy table now is spread”     | <i>Rockingham</i> |
| <b>Hymn 341</b> | “For the bread which you have broken” | <i>Omni die</i>   |
| <b>Hymn 328</b> | “Draw nigh and take”                  | <i>Psalms 46</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 Dismissal**

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Let us go forth in the name of Christ.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard*  
*Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of*  
*Earl and Eleanor Drake, and Mary Amig*

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

**MON.- FRI., JUNE 19-23**

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

**MONDAY, JUNE 19**

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

**TUESDAY, JUNE 20**

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:30 PM | Good Shepherd
- MEN'S AL ANON  
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP  
7:00 PM | The Gray Home | RSVP

**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21**

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

**THURSDAY, JUNE 22**

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:30 PM | Good Shepherd

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23**

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

**SATURDAY, JUNE 24**

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

**SUNDAY, JUNE 25**

- 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
- LEMONADE 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 19<sup>th</sup> Digital Grapevine is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.  
 The deadline for the July Grapevine Magazine is June 24<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

# ST. JAMES PARISH

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **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! ([bmcmetry@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmetry@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 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!

### **4th OF JULY MORNING PRAYER**

*Tuesday, July 4 | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom*

Come join our Morning Prayer group on Zoom for a special Independence Day Morning Prayer featuring special prayers and patriotic tunes for our time together. A link will be sent to the parish on the morning of the 4th.

*Please note: the Parish Office will be closed on the 4th of July.*

### **NEWCOMER CELEBRATION**

*Sunday, 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.

### **JULY VESTRY MEETING**

*Sunday, July 10 | 5:15 p.m. | Graham Parlor*

Our Vestry gathers on the second Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Graham Parlor to discuss the business of the parish and to hear from our parish family. These meetings are open and members of St. James Parish are welcome to attend.

### **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!

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