



HOLY BAPTISM THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

9:30 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ is risen.
People **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

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O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Romans 6:1b–11

Commentary: The focus in this part of Romans is not on how to avoid sinning, but on why believers should obey God. It is illogical that those who have died in relation to sin should continue to live in sin. God not only raised Jesus Christ, He also imparts a new kind of life to believers. Union with Christ in His death and resurrection is the basis for the believer's future resurrection. Even though the old self has died, the sinful human nature has not lost its influence. What we were 'in Adam' is no more, but until heaven, the temptation to live 'in Adam' remains. Death could not hold Christ, our representative, in the grave, nor can it hold the believer there. Since God has united us with Christ, we should consider ourselves as those who are no longer under sin's domination.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24–39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. “Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. “Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

THE HOLY BAPTISM OF RONAN RAIFORD TAYLOR

Parents

Walker and Aoife Taylor

Godparents

Walker Jackson Taylor, Nicholas Bates Taylor, and Juliet Marie Taylor

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

Priest

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Ronan Raiford Taylor to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Priest

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer

I renounce them.

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest 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.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest 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.**

Prayers for the Candidate

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Priest Let us now pray for Ronan who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open his heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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Priest Ronan, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
Ronan, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever.
Amen.
Priest Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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 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

The Dismissal

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



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Music: Tim Ford*

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

EDEN VILLAGE CELEBRATION & OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

Friday, June 30 | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Come celebrate Eden Village and get involved with a unique opportunity! Eden Village will be hosting a grand opening celebration on Friday, June 30 from 11:30am-5pm as they welcome their first 12 residents who have experienced chronic homelessness. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will commence at 11:30am, home tours will be provided until 5pm, and several local vendors will be there to provide food and music! Stop by to celebrate this important occasion and learn more about Eden Village. If you'd like to get more involved with Eden Village, consider joining St. James' Home Group. This group of 6-8 individuals will support one of the village's residents. This would include monthly check-ins with the resident either preparing a simple meal together, stopping by for a porch chat, or sending messages of encouragement throughout the month. There may also be work in the month of July to prepare the home for this resident as well. This is an important and unique opportunity to meet our neighbors, so if you are interested in joining this group, please contact Catie Hodsdon at cmrichardson93@gmail.com.

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.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

July 4, 18, 27 | 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! (bmcmerly@arris.partners).

PARISH MEET AND GREET

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. **We'll be celebrating our newcomers!**

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JUNE 26-30

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS CAMP IN SESSION
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | SJDS

MONDAY, JUNE 26

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, JUNE 27

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
8:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JULY 1

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

SUNDAY, JULY 2

- 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 & COOKIES
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:30 AM | St. James Parish & Online

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the July 3rd Digital Grapevine is Friday, June 30th.
The deadline for the July Grapevine Magazine is June 26th. Email 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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