



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 25 JUNE 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 537

“Christ for the world we sing!”

Moscow

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.

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 First Lesson: Genesis 21:8–21

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 16

Commentary: Years before God announced to Abraham and Sarah that they would soon be parents of a son, the elderly couple had decided that the Lord's promise to give them descendants needed their help in order to be fulfilled. Sarah encouraged Abraham to sleep with her maidservant, Hagar, and the result of this union was a son, Ishmael (see Genesis 16). But now, after the miraculous birth of Isaac, all was not well in Abraham's household. Sarah perceived that Ishmael was a potential rival for Isaac's inheritance, and she was determined to remove the threat. Reassured by God, Abraham reluctantly sent Ishmael and his mother away. God provided for Ishmael and promised to make him a great nation, although it was through Isaac that God's covenant with Abraham would be fulfilled. Ishmael became the father of twelve sons and from Ishmael's sons came the Arab nations.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:1–11a, 16–17

Inclina, Domine

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



Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth.

Psalm chant



Bow down your ear, O LORD, and / **answer me**, *
for I am poor and in / **misery**.
Keep watch over my life, for I am / **faithful**; *
save your servant who puts his / **trust in you**.

ANTIPHON

Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my / **God**; *
I call upon you all the day / **long**.
Gladden the soul of your / **servant**, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my / **soul**.

ANTIPHON

For you, O LORD, are good and for-/giving,*
and great is your love toward all who / call upon you.
Give ear, O LORD, to my / prayer,*
and attend to the voice of my suppli-/cations.

ANTIPHON

In the time of my trouble I will / call upon you,*
for you will / answer me.
Among the gods there is none like you, O / LORD,*
nor anything like your / works.

ANTIPHON

All nations you have made
will come and worship you, O / LORD,*
and glorify your / Name.
For you are great; you do wondrous / things;*
and you alone are / God.

ANTIPHON

Turn to me and have mercy up-/on me;*
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your / handmaid.
Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be a-/shamed;*
because you, O LORD, have helped me and / comforted me.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: Romans 6:1b–11

NRSV, p. 1030

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.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 296

“We know that Christ is raised and dies no more”

Engelberg

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 10:24–39

NRSV, p. 888

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 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:

...In your great mercy, O God,

Answer us with your unfailing help.

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

*trad. Welsh melody,
arr. Robert Lehman*

God that madest earth and heaven,
Darkness and light;
Who the day for toil hast given,
For rest the night,
May thine angel guards defend us,
Slumber sweet thy mercy send us,
Holy dreams and hopes attend us,
This livelong night!

Guard us waking, guard us sleeping,
and when we die,
May we in thy mighty keeping,
all peaceful lie:
And when death to life shall wake us,
thou wilt in thy likeness make us;
Then to reign in glory take us
with thee on high.

*~Reginal Heber &
Richard Whately*

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 Blessing

Closing Hymn 544

“Jesus shall reign where’er the sun”

Duke Street

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 Gray Hodsdon
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Lu and Mary Oakley, Joe and Mary Peck.*

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.

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! (bmcmetry@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!**

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