



THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 9 JULY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 657

“Love divine, all love excelling”

Hyfrydol

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: S278

“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.

The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; 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 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 19

Commentary: Abraham's servant was charged with the responsibility of finding a suitable bride for Isaac. He faithfully and resolutely fulfilled his task, relying on God's providential direction to guide him. God led him to Rebekah. In providing a wife for Isaac, as well as a mother for Isaac's children, God remained faithful to His promises to Abraham. God answered the servant's specific prayer and the servant gave all glory to God. Rebekah demonstrated her faith in Abraham's God by her decision to leave her family in order to marry Isaac.

The servant said to Laban, "I am Abraham's servant. The Lord has greatly blessed my master, and he has become wealthy; he has given him flocks and herds, silver and gold, male and female slaves, camels and donkeys. And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my master when she was old; and he has given him all that he has. My master made me swear, saying, 'You shall not take a wife for my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose land I live; but you shall go to my father's house, to my kindred, and get a wife for my son.' "I came today to the spring, and said, 'O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, if now you will only make successful the way I am going! I am standing here by the spring of water; let the young woman who comes out to draw, to whom I shall say, "Please give me a little water from your jar to drink," and who will say to me, "Drink, and I will draw for your camels also" —let her be the woman whom the Lord has appointed for my master's son.' "Before I had finished speaking in my heart, there was Rebekah coming out with her water jar on her shoulder; and she went down to the spring, and drew. I said to her, 'Please let me drink.' She quickly let down her jar from her shoulder, and said, 'Drink, and I will also water your camels.' So I drank, and she also watered the camels. Then I asked her, 'Whose daughter are you?' She said, 'The daughter of Bethuel, Nahor's son, whom Milcah bore to him.' So I put the ring on her nose, and the bracelets on her arms. Then I bowed my head and worshiped the Lord, and blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me by the right way to obtain the daughter of my master's kinsman for his son. Now then, if you will deal loyally and truly with my master, tell me; and if not, tell me, so that I may turn either to the right hand or to the left." And they called Rebekah, and said to her, "Will you go with this man?" She said, "I will." So they sent away their sister Rebekah and her nurse along with Abraham's servant and his men. And they blessed Rebekah and said to her, "May you, our sister, become thousands of myriads; may your offspring gain possession of the gates of their foes." Then Rebekah and her maids rose up, mounted the camels, and followed the man; thus the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. Now Isaac had come from Beer-lahai-roi, and was settled in the Negeb. Isaac went out in the evening to walk in the field; and looking up, he saw camels coming. And Rebekah looked up, and when she saw Isaac, she slipped quickly from the camel, and said to the servant, "Who is the man over there, walking in the field to meet us?" The servant said, "It is my master." So she took her veil and covered herself. And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. Then Isaac brought her into his mother Sarah's tent. He took Rebekah, and she became his wife; and he loved her. So Isaac was comforted after his mother's death.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 213

“Come away to the skies, my beloved, arise”

Middlebury
~Song of Solomon**The Epistle: Romans 7:15–25a**

NRSV, p. 1031

Commentary: In these verses, Paul described with great intensity his personal struggle with sin. Paul's sinful human nature influenced him to such an extent that he found himself doing willingly the very things he despised intellectually. Paul identified his double failure: in his own strength, he could not overcome evil nor could he accomplish good. Paul realized that sin had affected every part of his personality, he knew that he should obey the Mosaic law but found himself rebelling against it. The battle with temptation was agonizing for Paul and he longed for deliverance, which he found in the one place deliverance is offered to everyone, Jesus Christ our Lord.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.**Sequence Hymn 404**

“We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord”

Old 124th

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30

NRSV, p. 889

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the crowd, “To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.” At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. “Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.**The Sermon**

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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 thank you, Father;

You hear the voice of your beloved.

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

Carson Cooman

O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my tired soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Light that follows me all my way,
I give my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Joy that seeks me through the pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be!

~George Matheson, *alt.*

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 C

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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

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.
People **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.
People **By your will they were created and have their being.**

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.
People **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.
People **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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 people stand or kneel.

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

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

The Celebrant continues...

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Celebrant and People

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The Celebrant continues...

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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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Fraction Anthem: S152

Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

Hymn 693	"Just as I am without one plea"	Woodworth
Hymn 302	"Father, we thank thee who hast planted"	Rendez à Dieu
Hymn 644	"How sweet the name of Jesus sounds"	St. Peter

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 482 "Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy" *Slane*

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 C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Guest Organist & Choir Director: Lisa Nichol

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Palmer Haire Waters, Owen William Waters, Jr., Lynn Billington Waters, Norman Glendon Chafin, Jr.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 10-14

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

MONDAY, JULY 10

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

TUESDAY, JULY 11

- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP
7:00 PM | Montalto Home

WEDNESDAY, JULY 12

- ECUADOR MISSION TRIP BEGINS
Pray for our team, they return 7/21
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, JULY 13

- SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING
5:30 PM | Graham Parlor

FRIDAY, JULY 14

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JULY 15

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

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 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 17th Digital Grapevine is Friday, July 14th.
The deadline for the August Grapevine Magazine is July 24th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!**

JULY VESTRY MEETING

Monday, 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.

EPISCOPOSEE GATHERING

Tuesday, July 11 | 7:00 p.m. | The Montalto Home

Ladies (21+) are invited to join us as we gather in July! This group meets once a month to discuss Podcasts, books and the day to day challenges of living faith. Join together in prayer, fellowship, and connect with other women. If you have questions about this group or would like to RSVP to Erin Becker for directions, please reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

July 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@arrispartners.com).

EFWM BACKPACK DRIVE UNDERWAY

Donations Due July 28th

Summer is in full swing. We're calling on our parish family to help the Episcopal Farm Worker Ministry get an early start on their backpack and school supply drive. **Deadline for donations is Friday, July 28th at 12:00 p.m.** This year, we will be putting together an "Angel Tree" style drive. You can select a child to shop for and help make them feel ready for another year of learning. If you are interested in adopting a child to shop for, please complete the form online to let us know and we'll reach out to you when the backpack tags are available for selection and a list of supplies. Have questions about this year's drive? Please reach out to Catie Hodson or Taber Tornes.

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. 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!

QUIET REFLECTION AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Saturday, August 5th | 7:30-8:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

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. 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!

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