



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 23 JULY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 375

“Give praise and glory unto God”

Du Lebensbrot, Herr Jesu Christ

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.

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

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 28:10–19a

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 24

Commentary: After Jacob schemed to obtain the birthright from Esau, he also plotted with his mother Rebekah to secure Isaac's blessing (see Genesis 27). Esau nursed a murderous grudge against Jacob, so Rebekah decided to send him to her brother's home in order to keep him safe. Stopping for the night along the way, Jacob had a vivid dream, he saw a ladder reaching to heaven, with God Himself at the top. From there, the Lord reaffirmed to Jacob the covenant promises given to Abraham and Isaac. Jacob set up the stone which he had used as a pillow to serve as a memorial of God's revelation, faithfulness and promise of protection.

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven." So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

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

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23

Domine, probasti

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



Lord, you have searched me out and / **known me**; *
 you know my sitting down and my rising up;
 you discern my thoughts from a-/**far**.
 You trace my journeys and my / **resting-places** *
 and are acquainted with all my / **ways**.

ANTIPHON

Indeed, there is not a word on my / **lips**, *
 but you, O LORD, know it alto-/**gether**.
 You press upon me behind and be-/**fore** *
 and lay your hand up-/**on me**.

ANTIPHON

Such knowledge is too / **wonderful for me**; *
 it is so high that I cannot at-/**tain to it**.
 Where can I go then from your / **Spirit**? *
 where can I flee from your / **presence**?

ANTIPHON

If I climb up to heaven, you are / **there**; *
 if I make the grave my bed, you are there / **also**.
 If I take the wings of the / **morning** *
 and dwell in the uttermost parts of the / **sea**,

Second half of chant:

Even there your hand will / **lead me** *
 and your right hand hold me / **fast**.

ANTIPHON

If I say, "Surely the darkness will / **cover me,** *
and the light around me turn to / **night.**"
Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the / **day;** *
darkness and light to you are both a-/like.

ANTIPHON

Search me out, O God, and know my / **heart;** *
try me and know my restless / **thoughts.**
Look well whether there be any / **wickedness in me** *
and lead me in the way that is ever-/**lasting.**

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: Romans 8:12–25

NRSV, p. 1032

Commentary: In the first part of Romans 8, Paul pointed out what God has done for believers. Now, Paul said believers have an obligation to respond appropriately to God, which can only be done with the Holy Spirit's help. The Spirit does not compel or force anyone to do God's will as slaves of God. Rather, the Spirit appeals to us to submit voluntarily, as children of God. As adopted children of God we are heirs, along with Jesus Christ, our brother. In light of eternity we can view the cost of suffering with Jesus Christ now as insignificant. Paul says that all creation suffers, even as it anticipates the day of full redemption. God's gift of the Holy Spirit at the beginning of the Christian life is His pledge that He will complete the process of salvation. Christian hope is based on faith that God has more in store for believers than is presently theirs.

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 595

"God of grace and God of glory"

Mannheim

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:24–30,36–43

NRSV, p. 891

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

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all

evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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:

...Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our Prayer:

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

“When I’m afflicted, poor, and low”

William Bradley Roberts

When I’m afflicted, poor, and low, and light and peace depart,
my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart.
I waited patient for the Lord, he bowed to hear my cry;
He saw me resting on his word, and brought salvation nigh.

He raised me from a horrid pit, where mourning long I lay,
and from my bonds released my feet, deep bonds of miry clay.
Firm on a rock he made me stand, and taught my cheerful tongue
to praise the wonders of his hand, in a new thankful song.

How many are thy thoughts of love! Thy mercies, Lord, how great!
We have not words nor hours enough, their numbers to repeat.
When I’m afflicted, poor, and low, and light and peace depart,
my God beholds my heavy woe, and bears me on his heart. .

~Isaac Watts

Presentation Hymn

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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 and Mothers: 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 336	“Come with us, O blessed Jesus”	<i>Werde munter</i>
Hymn 302	“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”	<i>Rendez à Dieu</i>
Hymn 589	“Almighty God, your word is cast”	<i>Walden</i>

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 541 “Come, labor on” *Ora Labora*

The Dismissal

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People Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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*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
Margueritte and Thomas Fish, Betty C. and J. Gordon Souther, and Janet Shields Souther.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 24-28

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

MONDAY, JULY 24

- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, JULY 25

- MEN'S AL ANON
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- JUST A TASTE: COOKING UP A
BOOK POTLUCK EVENT
5:30 PM | RSVP Requested

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

- VBS VOLUNTEER MEETING
9:30 AM | Perry Hall
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, JULY 27

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:30 PM | Good Shepherd Center

FRIDAY, JULY 28

- EFWM BACKPACK DRIVE DEADLINE
Donations due by 12:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 29

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

SUNDAY, JULY 30

- MEALS ON WHEELS
All Day | St. James Parish
- 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 August 1st Digital Grapevine is Friday, July 28th.
The deadline for the September Grapevine Magazine is August 28th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

JUST A TASTE: COOKING UP A BOOK POTLUCK EVENT

July 25 | 5:30 pm | The Brainard Home | RSVP Requested

The Episcopal Church Women were so inspired by Sheri Castle's visit that we're taking on the project of creating a new St. James Cookbook featuring your favorite recipe and its "food story." To help us get started, the Rev. Cheryl Brainard would like to invite you to bring your recipe and dish to her home on Tuesday, July 25th at 5:30 p.m. for our Just a Taste: Cooking up a Book event! The Rev. Mary McKnight will lead us through a brief writing tutorial and teach us how to share our own food stories. Come ready to share your dish, recipe, and with a story in mind. Some of the best recipes and stories come from the men cooks in our lives, so we heartily invite men to this event, too. All are welcome! Please give the office a call or visit stjamesp.org/blog/cookbook-event/ to RSVP.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

July 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).

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 Catic Hodsdon 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 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. 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!

BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, August 9th | 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. | Perry Hall

Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Blood is essential to help patients survive surgeries, cancer treatment, chronic illnesses, and traumatic injuries. This lifesaving care starts with one person making a generous donation. Please be generous and be a lifesaver! We are hosting a Parish & Community Blood Drive in Perry Hall on August 9th from 10:00-3:00 p.m. to benefit the American Red Cross. We encourage our parish family to participate by signing up to donate and/or volunteer. We have several ways to support the drive even if you are not planning to give blood.

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