



THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 30 JULY 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 9

“Not here for high and holy things”

Morning Song

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.

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 29:15–28The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 25

Commentary: Jacob arrived safely at the home of his uncle Laban, where he was warmly received. When Laban offered payment for Jacob's labor, Jacob proposed seven years of wages for Rachel's hand in marriage. However, Laban deceived Jacob, as Jacob had deceived Isaac (see Genesis 27). Laban took advantage of Jacob's inability to see in the dark tent and gave him Leah, not Rachel, for his wife. Jacob served Laban for seven extra years in order to marry Rachel. Through Jacob, God's sovereign plan would be carried forward, but Jacob's past schemes were not pleasing to God and Jacob found himself on the receiving end of flagrant deception.

Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

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

Psalm 128*Beati omnes*

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



Psalm chant



Happy are they all who fear the / **Lord**, *
 and who follow in his / **ways**!
 You shall eat the fruit of your / **labor**; *
 happiness and prosperity shall be / **yours**.

ANTIPHON

Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine within your / **house**, *
 your children like olive shoots round about your / **table**.
 The man who fears the / **Lord** *
 shall thus indeed be / **blessed**.

ANTIPHON

The Lord bless you from / **Zion**, *
 and may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of
 your / **life**.
 May you live to see your children's / **children**; *
 may peace be upon / **Israel**.

ANTIPHON

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.

The Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 677

"God moves in a mysterious way"

London New

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

NRSV, p. 892

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

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

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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:

...Spirit, help us in our weakness.

Intercede for us.

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

“Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart”

tune: Slane
arr. Richard Shephard

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

High King of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

~Eleanor H. Hull, 1912

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 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 304	"I come with joy to meet my Lord"	<i>Land of Rest</i>
Hymn 309	"O Food to pilgrims given"	<i>O Welt, ich muss dich lassen</i>
Hymn 711	"Seek ye first"	<i>Seek Ye First</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

Closing Hymn 615 "Thy kingdom come!" on bended knee" *St. Flavian*

The Dismissal

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Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
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
Bill Hale & Paul Ingle.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 31- AUGUST 4

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

MONDAY, JULY 31

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 AM - 12:30vPM | St. James Parish
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 AM - 12:30vPM | St. James Parish
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:30 PM | Good Shepherd Center•
MEN'S AL ANON
5:15 PM | Lippitt Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 AM - 12:30vPM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 AM - 12:30vPM | St. James Parish

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6

- 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 8th Digital Grapevine is Friday, August 4th.
The deadline for the September Grapevine Magazine is August 28th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

August 1, 15, & 24 | 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).

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!

VIVACE! ARTIST SHOWCASE AT ST. JAMES

Tuesday, August 8th | 7:30 p.m. | St. James Church

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous virtuoso, Vivace implemented the Emerging Artists program, created to feature young rising stars of the piano in a solo recital during the festival. We are thrilled to have Rachel Breen and Sasha Kasman Laude with us this year, winners of the 2022 Honens International Piano Competition in Calgary, Canada. Join us August 8 at 7:30pm at St James Episcopal Church for a thrilling program with music by these talented artists!

For Vivace volunteer opportunities, please reach out to John Sullivan at music@stjamesp.org.

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 on Aug. 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.

BREADBREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, August 20th | 10:30 a.m - 1:00 p.m. | The Clark Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in August! The Clark, the Hodsdon, and the Joyner Families have teamed up to host this great event. We'll be gathering at the Clark's dock to enjoy a day of swimming and fun. Please bring whatever appetizer, side or dessert you would like to go with the entrees. We will have juice boxes, water, and some beer and wine. Don't forget to pack sunscreen and BYOC - Bring your own chair.

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