



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 20 AUGUST 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

Hymn to Joy

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, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Genesis 45:1–15The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 41

Commentary: Joseph's brothers had done a terrible thing, they resented Joseph so much that they sold him into slavery (see Genesis 37). Now, many years later, Joseph was in a position of power over his brothers and he forgave them. Joseph's focus was on God's sovereign direction, providential care and overarching purpose to preserve the house of Israel. An appreciation for God's sovereign ways produced in Joseph a character marked by graciousness, forgiveness and acceptance. Even behind the former cruelty of his brothers, Joseph perceived the loving hand of God at work.

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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

Please stand for the Hymn

Hymn 538

"God of mercy, God of grace"

Lucerna Laudonaie
Paraphrase of Psalm 67

Please sit for the scripture reading

The Epistle: Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32*NRSV*, p. 1034

Commentary: As Paul concluded his summation of God's past, present and future dealings with Israel, he pointed out that a future for Israel was not only possible, it was certain, based on God's promises. Paul used himself as an example of the believing Jewish remnant. The special privileges God gave to Israel will not be withdrawn; God did not choose Israel for her goodness and will not abandon her for her wrongdoing. Paul cautioned Gentile believers not to become proud during this season of God's favor. Paul's conclusion was this: all, Jew and Gentile, have been disobedient, so God offers mercy to all without distinction between Jew and Gentile.

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 706

“In your mercy, Lord, you called me”

Halton Holgate

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15: 21–28

NRSV, p. 894

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

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

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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:

...Hear us, we humbly pray;

Lord, help 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

Richard Shephard

Bread of the world, in mercy broken,
Wine of the soul, in mercy shed,
By Whom the words of life were spoken,
And in Whose death our sins are dead.

Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
Look on the tears by sinners shed;
And be Thy feast to us the token,
That by Thy grace our souls are fed.

~ Reginald Heber

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 A

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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: S128

“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 people stand or kneel.

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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,

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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.

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Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



People There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Hymn 321 “My God, thy table now is spread”

Rockingham

Hymn 470 “There’s a wideness in God’s mercy”

Beecher

Hymn 341 “For the bread which you have broken”

Omni die

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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 539

“O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling”

Tidings

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 C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

Guest Organist & Choir Director: Martha Hayes

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Mary Jo Oakley.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUGUST 21-25

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 21

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or via Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:30 PM | Good Shepherd Center
- EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GROUP
7:00 PM | The Tornes Home | RSVP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25

- MORNING PRAYER GROUP POTLUCK
5:00 PM | The Brainard Home | RSVP

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

- 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
- ACOLYTE TRAINING
11:30 AM | St. James Parish
- CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: SUNDAY
SCHOOL TEACHER GATHERING
11:30 AM | 2nd Floor Milton Hall - Yoga Rm

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the August 28th Digital Grapevine is Friday, August 25^h.
The deadline for the October Grapevine Magazine is September 24th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

ST. JAMES PARISH

UPCOMING EVENTS

BREADBREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

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

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.

MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD

August 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@arris.partners).

EPISCOPOSSE WOMEN'S GATHERING

Tuesday, August 24th | 7:00 p.m. | The Tornes Home - RSVP requested

Ladies (21+) are invited to join us as we gather in August! 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 communications@stjamesp.org.

MORNING PRAYER POTLUCK

Wednesday, August 25th | 5:00-7:00 p.m. | The Brainard Home - RSVP Requested

Make plans to join fellow Morning Prayer attendees for a special evening out. Join us as we welcome our friends from New York and South Carolina with a potluck dinner at the home of the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at 5:00 p.m. on August 25. We encourage everyone to bring a dish to share. Directions will be sent on the morning of the event day to those who have RSVP'd! Please note that carpooling is encouraged as parking may be limited.

ACOLYTE TRAINING

Sunday, August 27th | 11:30 a.m. | St. James Church

Save the date! We'll be hosting an Acolyte Training session for new and established Acolytes on Sunday, August 27 at St. James Parish following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. Students 6th Grade and above are invited to participate in this special ministry! Please use the link online to let us know if you plan to attend.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING

Sunday, August 27th | 11:30 a.m. | The Pre-School Sunday School Room - a.k.a. The Yoga Room.

We'll be hosting a Children's Ministries Sunday School Teacher Meeting on Sunday, August 27 at St. James Parish following the 10:30 a.m. worship service. We'll gather in the Yoga Room on the Second Floor of Milton Hall. If you are interested in participating as a Teacher or Substitute Teacher for our Children's Ministries during the Faith Formation year, please plan to attend. This year, we will be forming teams so no one is expected to teach every Sunday.

MORNING PRAYER IN PERSON EDITION

Monday, August 28th | 8:00 a.m. | St. James Parish or Online!

Morning Prayer is live on Zoom or in person at St. James on Monday, August 28th! Join us our Morning Prayer group, including some of our friends from out of town, for a special in person edition of the Daily Office.

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