



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 27 AUGUST 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II
10:30 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 404

“We will extol you, ever-blessed Lord”

Old 124th

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Exodus 1:8–2:10The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 48

Commentary: The Israelites, once welcome guests in Egypt, were now viewed as a threat. Pharaoh launched three successive plans to reduce the size and strength of the Hebrew population. First, he tried to work them to death. When that did not have the desired result, Pharaoh moved to Plan B, ordering the Hebrew midwives to kill the male babies at birth, but the midwives disobeyed. Plan C called for all of Pharaoh's subjects to throw male Hebrew babies into the Nile River. Into this hostile and dangerous environment, Moses was born. Moses became the adopted son of Pharaoh's daughter. The education and privileges Moses enjoyed in Pharaoh's household were key aspects of his preparation to be Israel's emancipator.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

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



Our help is in the Name of the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.



If the Lord had not been on our / **side**,
let Israel now / **say**;
If the Lord had not been on our / **side**,
when enemies rose up a-/**gainst us**;

ANTIPHON

Then would they have swallowed us up a-/**live**
in their fierce anger / **toward us**;
Then would the waters have over-/**whelmed us**
and the torrent gone / **over us**;

ANTIPHON

Then would the raging / **waters**
have gone right / **over us**.
Blessed be the / **Lord**!
he has not given us over to be a prey for their / **teeth**.

ANTIPHON

We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the / **fowler**;
the snare is broken and we have es-/**caped**.
Our help is in the Name of the / **Lord**,
the maker of heaven and / **earth**.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: Romans 12:1–8

NRSV, p. 1035

Commentary: Paul was careful to show that the basis of salvation is the same for everyone, Jew or Gentile. Now Paul stressed appropriate Christian conduct in light of everything God has done for us. Relationship to God is foundational and governs all other conduct. Paul called us to present ourselves as an offering to God because He has been merciful to us. Self-dedication to God is an act of worship. Minds are renewed by deliberately choosing to follow the will of God. Paul advised his readers not to think more highly of themselves than they should because sound judgment and humility are necessary for accurate self-evaluation. God graciously bestows gifts that are meant to be exercised within the body of Christ for the mutual benefit of its members.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect. For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Sequence Hymn 513

“Like the murmur of the dove’s song”

Bridegroom

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13–20

NRSV, p. 895

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter,

and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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:

...Our help is in your name, O Lord;

Deal well with 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

“How Firm a Foundation”

arr. Sullivan
(from *Sacred Harp*)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
to you that for refuge to Jesus have fled?

“Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed!
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I’ll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
the rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
for I will be with thee, thy troubles to bless,
and sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
my grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
the flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
thy dross to consume, and thy gold to refine.

The soul that to Jesus hath fled for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell shall endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no, never, no, never forsake!”

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 Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Celebrant and People

Christ is risen.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Cantor Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



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

Hymn 707

Hollingside

Hymn 587

Rhosymedre

Hymn 577

Ubi caritas (Murray)

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**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 334

“Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing”

Alles ist an Gottes Segen

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 Cheryl Brainard
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Alan Howard Bede.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUG. 28 - SEPT. 1

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

- MORNING PRAYER: IN-PERSON
8:00 AM | St. James or via Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

- COOKBOOK RECIPE SUBMISSION
DEADLINE TODAY

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- 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 September 4th Digital Grapevine is Thursday, August 31st.
The deadline for the October Grapevine Magazine is September 24th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COOKBOOK DEADLINE

Thursday, August 31st | Deadline for Submission

We would like to invite parishioners of ALL ages to submit a story and a recipe to us by August 31st. If you need assistance with submitting your story, please reach out to communications@stjamesp.org.

RISE AGAINST HUNGER

Saturday, September 9th | 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. | Perry Hall

We're partnering again this year with Rise Against Hunger to combat food shortages around the globe. Rise Against Hunger allows us to serve folks in 76 different countries who are experiencing hunger and food insecurity. Our goal this year is to sign up 250 volunteers to pack over 50,000 meals! Register online now. If you have any questions about this event, please reach out to Don Brainard at dabrainard12@gmail.com.

WELCOME SUNDAY

Sunday, September 10th | St. James Parish

We are so excited to be worshipping this fall with a new Sunday service schedule. Make plans to join us on September 10, 2023 to help us kick off a new season of worship, faith formation, and fellowship. Visit the website to see all of the wonderful things happening on Welcome Sunday, stjamesp.org/welcomeSunday/.

1st ANNUAL JAZZ & RACE SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, September 16th | 1:30-7:30 p.m. | RSVP Deadline Sept. 8

The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina invites you to participate in the 1st Annual Jazz and Race Symposium. This educational event will focus on the intersectionality of jazz and African American history. Attendees will hear from Presidential Volunteer Service Award Winner Dr. Catherine Meeks and jazz musician the Rev. Skip Walker. The event is free, suggested donations start at \$25.

"TELLING YOUR STORY" GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASS

7 Wednesday mornings, September 20 to November 1, 2023 9:00 to 11:00

Guided Autobiography Class offers a series of themes and resources to help you recall, organize and write your stories, two pages at a time. Research shows that this class is very stimulating for the brain. Telling your story can be deeply satisfying and may help you to grow spiritually. Some stories may become legacy gifts for your family. Please note that classes and resources build on each other, so this is not a "drop-in" class. To register, please contact the Rev. Cheryl Brainard at cheryl@stjamesp.org by September 11th. The cost is \$45 (scholarships available) and space is limited.

PARISH RETREAT

September 29 - October 1

The 2023 Parish Retreat will be here before we know it. Make plans to join the St. James Parish family at the Trinity Center September 29-October 1.

FALL WEEKDAYS AT-A-GLANCE

MONDAY-FRIDAY

WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER

Monday-Friday | 8:00 a.m. | Zoom

MONDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Mondays beginning September 11 | 11:00 AM

GRIEF MINISTRY: LIVING WELL
IN THE MIDST OF GRIEF & LOSS

*1st and 3rd Mondays | 5:00 PM | Zoom &
Graham Parlor*

SABBATH EXPLORATION
GROUP

*2nd & 4th Mondays beginning September 25th |
5:00 p.m. | Youth Room*

TUESDAYS

COMMUNITY OF HOPE
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING

Tuesdays beginning September 5 | 5:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS

HIGH SCHOOL STARBUCKS
BIBLE STUDY

*Wednesdays beginning September 6 | 7:00 a.m. |
16th St. Starbucks*

TELLING YOUR STORY
THROUGH GUIDED
AUTOBIOGRAPHY

*Wednesdays beginning September 20 | 9:00 a.m. |
Graham Parlor*

WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:
HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE

*Wednesdays beginning September 13 | 11:00 a.m. |
Graham Parlor or Zoom*

HOLY EUCHARIST

Wednesdays | 12:10 p.m. | St. James Chapel

THURSDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

Thursdays beginning September 14th | 6:30 p.m.

CHOIR REHEARSAL

Thursdays beginning September 7 | 7:00 p.m.

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