



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn

“All are welcome”

Two Oaks



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly — live,
2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true,
3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and wheat:
4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone
5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard



1 a — place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.
2 where all God's chil - dren dare to — seek to — dream God's reign a - new.
3 a — ban - quet hall on ho - ly — ground, where peace and jus - tice meet.
4 to — heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.
5 and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as — words with - in the Word.



1 Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;
2 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness, and as sym - bol of God's grace;
3 Here the love of God through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space;
4 Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face;
5 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



1 here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
2 here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:
3 as we share in Christ the feast that frees — us:
4 let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5 Let this house pro - claim from floor and raft - er:

Refrain:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place. —

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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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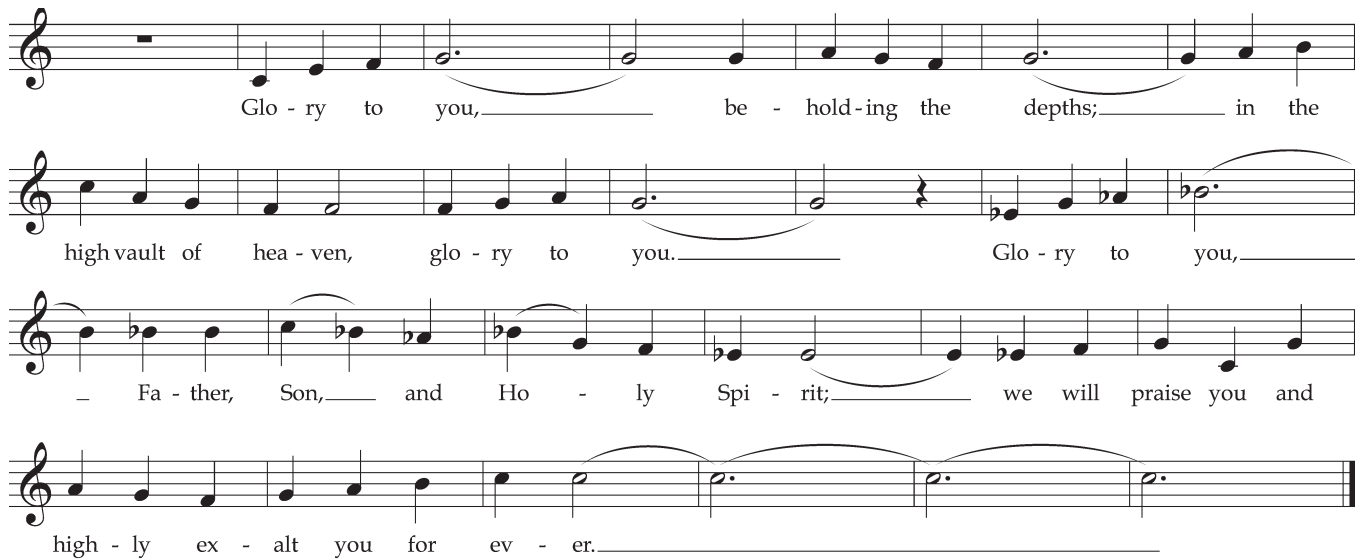
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Song of Praise: S236

“Glory to you”

John Rutter

Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers;—
— you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to
you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and
high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo - ry to you
— in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to
you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u -
bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.



The Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Romans 13:8–14

NRSV, p. 1036

Commentary: As Paul continued to explain to the Romans how to live out their faith, he reminded them that only one debt continued forever, the debt of love. We are to have the same loving regard for others that we have instinctively for ourselves. Paul urged his readers to be alert and ready to meet the Lord instead of sleepwalking through their lives. The night, representing earthly life, is full of spiritual darkness and danger, but believers are to put aside evil deeds and put on deeds of light. Basically, Paul was encouraging his readers to love and respect all people as they actively await the Lord's appearing.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

After the reading, the children leave for Children's Chapel.

1 I sing the al-migh - ty power— of— God, that made the— moun - tains rise,
 2 I sing the good - ness of— the— Lord, who filled the— earth with food,
 3 There's not a plant or flower— be - low, but makes thy— glo - ries known,
 that spread the flow - ing seas— a - broad, and built the— lof - ty skies.
 who formed the crea - tures with— his— Word, and then pro - nounced them good.
 and clouds a - rise, and tem - pests— blow, by or - der— from thy throne;
 I— sing the wis - dom— that— or - dained the sun to rule the day;
 Lord,— how thy won - ders— are— dis - played, wher - e'er I turn my eye,
 while— all that bor - rows— life— from— thee is ev - er in thy care,
 the moon shines full at God's— com - mand, and all the— stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground— I— tread, or gaze u - pon the sky!
 and ev - ery - where that I— could— be, thou, God, art— pres - ent there.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

NRSV, p. 897

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

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

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Reverend 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 are gathered in your name;

Accept our prayers.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heaven and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:

That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

~Robert Bridges, after Isaac Watts

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.

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: S125

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel.

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

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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,

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

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 325

“Let us break bread together”

Let Us Break Bread

1 Let us break bread to-gether on our knees, _____
 2 Let us drink wine to-gether on our knees, _____
 3 Let us praise God to-gether on our knees, _____

let us break bread to-gether on our knees. _____
 let us drink wine to-gether on our knees. _____
 let us praise God to-gether on our knees. _____

Refrain

When I fall on my knees with my face to the ris-ing sun,
 O _____ Lord, have mer-cy on me. _____

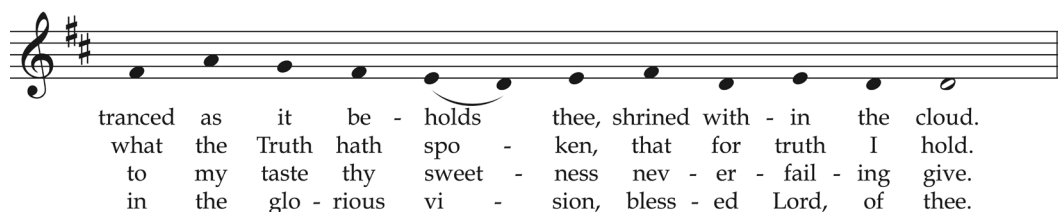
Hymn 314 “Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen”

Adoro devote

1 Hum - bly I a - dore thee, Ver - i - ty un - seen,
 2 Taste and touch and vi - sion to dis - cern thee fail;
 3 O me - mo - rial won - drous of the Lord's own death;
 4 Je - sus, whom now hid - den, I by faith be - hold,

who thy glo - ry hid - est 'neath these sha - dows mean;
 faith, that comes by hear - ing, pierc - es through the veil.
 liv - ing Bread that giv - est all thy crea - tures breath,
 what my soul doth long for, that thy word fore - told:

lo, to thee sur - ren - dered, my whole heart is bowed,
 I be - lieve what - e'er the Son of God hath told;
 grant my spi - rit ev - er by thy life may live,
 face to face thy splen - dor, I at last shall see,



Hymn 304

"I come with joy to meet my Lord"

Land of Rest

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

“Go forth for God, go to the world in peace”

National Hymn



Go forth for God, go to the world in
Go forth for God, go to the world in
Go forth for God, go to the world in
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peace; be of good cour - age, armed with heaven - ly grace,
love; strength - en the faint, give cour - age to the weak;
strength; hold fast the good, ur - gent for the right;
joy, to serve God's peo - ple ev - ery day and hour,

in God's good Spi - rit dai - ly to in - crease,
help the af - flict - ed; rich - ly from a - bove
ren - der to no one e - vil; Christ at the length
and serv - ing Christ, our ev - ery gift em - ploy,

till in the king - dom we see face to face.
his love sup - plies the grace and power we seek.
shall o - ver - come all dark - ness with his light.
re - joic - ing in the Ho - ly Spi - rit's power.

Words: John Raphael Peacey (1896-1971) and *English Praise*, 1975, alt.
Music: *National Hymn*, George William Warren (1828-1902)

The Dismissal

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People

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard
Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.
Musicians: John Sullivan, Organist & Choir Director
Amy Hinson Sandlin, oboe
Steve Luck, trumpet
Mike Waddell, clarinet*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of
Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley, Jr., Mary Agnes Herring Oakley,
Joseph Stanley Peck, Mary Fraser McCollum Peck.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 11-15

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- MORNING PRAYER - SEPTEMBER 11th
8:00 AM | Zoom
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
- SPIRITUAL GROWTH COMMITTEE
4:00 PM | The Youth Room
- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | The Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP AA
7:00 PM | The Great Hall

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- COMMUNITY OF HOPE
INTERNATIONAL TRAINING
5:30 PM | St. James Parish

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- HIGH SCHOOL STARBUCKS BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- BIBLE STUDY: HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location
- CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT ASP
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM | A Safe Place
- 1st ANNUAL JAZZ & RACE SYMPOSIUM
1:30 - 7:30 PM | Perry Hall

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 AM | Great Hall
- FAITH FORMATION | SUNDAY SCHOOL
9:10 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- IGNITE: THE JOURNEY BEGINS
5:00 PM | BISHOP WRIGHT ROOM

UPCOMING EVENTS

WELCOME SUNDAY - TODAY

Sunday, September 10th | St. James Parish

We are so excited to be worshipping this fall with a new Sunday service schedule. 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/. Learn about our new evening Youth Gathering: IGNITE!

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.

BREAD BREAKERS: SEPTEMBER HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, September 24th | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | The Trask Home

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in September! The Trask Family is signed up to host this great event. We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcomed! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB. Have questions? Reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

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. Registration is online now. Come and be a part of some spiritually driven, fun and engaging offerings for all ages! Have questions about the retreat? Reach out to Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

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 BIBLE STUDY
AT STARBUCKS

*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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