



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 10 SEPTEMBER 2023
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation	The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323
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Grant us, O Lord, we pray thee, to trust in thee with all our heart; seeing that, as thou dost always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so thou dost not forsake those who make their boast of thy mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The 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.

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

Psalm 149 *(read responsively by whole verse)*

NRSV, p. ???

Hallelujah!
Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

(The psalm continues overleaf.)

**For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.**

Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.

**Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;**

To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;

**To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;**

To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:15–20

NRSV, p. 897

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.”

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

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Aurelia



1 The Church's one foun - da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord;
2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der men see her sore op - pressed,



1 she is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word:
2 her char - ter of sal - va - tion, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
3 by schi - sms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed;



1 from heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride;
2 one ho - ly Name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
3 yet saints their watch are keep - ing, their cry goes up, "How long?"



1 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
2 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
3 and soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Phillip Craig, Jr.

*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.*

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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