



# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

## Prelude

Processional Hymn 400

“All creatures of our God and King”

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

## 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 -

him; we will praise you and high-ly ex-alt you for ev-er.

Glo-ry to you, be-hold-ing the depths; in the

high vault of hea-ven, glo-ry to you. Glo-ry to you,

Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Spi-rit; 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: Romans 14:1–12

NRSV, p. 1036

*Commentary:* God does not specify exactly what to do in every situation and as Christ's followers live out their faith, Paul realized that some would do one thing and some another, both within God's will. Here was the dilemma: how should these differences of opinion and application be handled? Paul explained that believers can disagree on nonessentials while maintaining unity within the church. Paul stressed the importance of not judging one another. What matters is seeking to please the Lord in all that is done. Every Christian is a servant of God and it is to that Master all must answer, not to any other fellow servant. We are to treat each other with forbearance and respect, remembering that Jesus is Lord of all.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand. Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

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

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21–35**

NRSV, p.898

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Dr. Catherine Meeks

**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:*

...Lord, we are in need of your mercy.

**Have patience 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

p. 360

*Celebrant*      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**

## Welcome and Announcements

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

### Offertory Anthem

Richard Farrant

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake,  
lay not our sins to our charge,  
but forgive that is past,  
and give us grace to amend our sinful lives:  
to decline from sin and incline to virtue,  
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee,  
now and evermore. Amen.

*~from J. Bull - Christian Prayers and Holy Meditations (1568)*

### 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

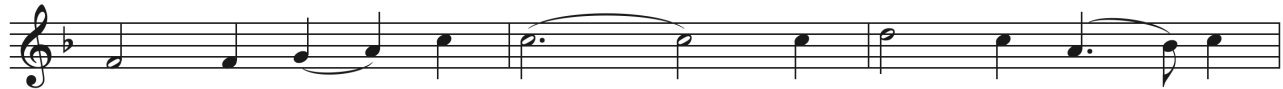
Hymn 328 "Draw nigh and take" *Song 46*

Hymn 674 "Forgive our sins as we forgive" *Detroit*

Hymn "Where charity and love prevail" *Land of Rest*



1 Where char - i - ty \_\_\_\_\_ and love pre - vail \_\_\_\_\_ there  
 2 With grate - ful joy \_\_\_\_\_ and ho - ly fear \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 3 For - give we now \_\_\_\_\_ each o - ther's faults \_\_\_\_\_ as  
 4 Let strife a - mong \_\_\_\_\_ us be un - known, \_\_\_\_\_ let  
 5 Let us re - call \_\_\_\_\_ that in our midst \_\_\_\_\_ dwells  
 6 Love can ex - clude \_\_\_\_\_ no race or creed \_\_\_\_\_ if



1 God is ev - er found; \_\_\_\_\_ brought here to - geth - er  
 2 char - i - ty \_\_\_\_\_ we learn; \_\_\_\_\_ let us with heart \_\_\_\_\_ and  
 3 we our faults \_\_\_\_\_ con - fess; \_\_\_\_\_ and let us love \_\_\_\_\_ each  
 4 all con - ten - tion cease; \_\_\_\_\_ be his the glo - ry  
 5 God's be - got - ten Son; \_\_\_\_\_ As mem - bers of \_\_\_\_\_ his  
 6 hon - ored be \_\_\_\_\_ God's Name; \_\_\_\_\_ Our com - mon life \_\_\_\_\_ em -



1 by Christ's love \_\_\_\_\_ by love are we \_\_\_\_\_ thus bound. \_\_\_\_\_  
 2 mind and strength now love him in \_\_\_\_\_ re - turn. \_\_\_\_\_  
 3 o - ther well \_\_\_\_\_ in Chris - tian ho - li - ness. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4 that we seek, \_\_\_\_\_ be ours his ho - ly peace. \_\_\_\_\_  
 5 Bo - dy joined \_\_\_\_\_ we are in him \_\_\_\_\_ made one. \_\_\_\_\_  
 6 brac - es all \_\_\_\_\_ whose Fa - ther is \_\_\_\_\_ the same. \_\_\_\_\_

Words: Latin, tr. J. Clifford Evers

Music: *Land of Rest*, American folk melody; adapt. and harm. Annabel Morris Buchanan

The Postcommunion Prayer

*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

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude



Presider: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Celebrant & Children’s Chapel: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Preacher: Dr. Catherine Meeks
Assisting Priest: 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
Louis B. & Bessie S. Orrell
Thomas R. Orrell, Elizabeth O. & Charles S. Parker.

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

- COMBINED ADULT FAITH FORMATION: Hearing from Dr. Catherine Meeks - Meets in Great Hall
• JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: Meets on Youth Hall
• SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3K-5th GRADES: Meets 2nd Floor Milton Hall

THIS EVENING

- IGNITE: JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY: 5:00 PM Join our St. James Youth in the Bishop Wright Room

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 18-22

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

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

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location
• MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center
• COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING
5:30 PM | Register for Location

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

- HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
• GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY CLASS
9:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
• HEBREWS FOR EVERYONE
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
• HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- SJDS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT
6:00 PM | SJDS
• EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location
• CHOIR PRACTICE
7:00 PM | CHOIR ROOM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- 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
• HOSPITALITY AT HOME
4:00-6:00 PM | The Trask Home
• IGNITE: FAITH, FRIENDS, FAITH
5:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the September 25th Digital Grapevine is Friday, September 22nd.
The deadline for the October Grapevine Magazine is September 25th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **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](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## **PARISH RETREAT - IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER!**

*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](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## **BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS**

*Wednesday, October 4 | 5:45-6:15 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

All are invited to bring your non-human family members to our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4 at Mt. Lebanon Chapel from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing our furry, feathered, or even scaled, friends!

*Please make sure all pets are appropriately leashed or contained.*

## **NEWCOMER MINGLE - AKA - THE HARDY PARTY**

*Sunday, October 8 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.*

This fall, the 'Hardy Party' is BACK and all newcomers are invited. Sunday, October 8, Join us at the beautiful waterside home of Drs. Marie and Stuart Hardy off of Greenville Loop Road. Directions will be shared with those who RSVP as we draw closer to event day. Get to know each other, the Vestry and the Clergy at this fun event featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres, plenty of parking and childcare onsite with advance registration. This is the premier church community event for newcomers and you'll want to attend. Stay tuned for how to RSVP!

## **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITY: STUFF THE TRUCK**

*Saturday, October 14 | 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. | St. Paul's*

2SHARE Inc. is hosting its first Stuff the Truck fundraiser on Saturday October 14th from 10am-2pm in the parking lot of St. Paul's Episcopal Church. They are asking for donations of new linens and household items including twin & full sheets sets, twin & full blankets/quilts/comforters, pillows, sets of flatware, sets of pots and pans, bath towel sets, bath mats, shower curtains and curtain rings, mattress covers, lamps, lamp shades, and metal platform bed frames. Please stop by and help us Stuff the Truck! For more information on 2SHARE visit [2shareinc.org](http://2shareinc.org).

## FALL WEEKDAYS AT-A-GLANCE

### **MONDAY-FRIDAY**

#### **WEEKDAY MORNING PRAYER**

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

### **MONDAYS**

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

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

*Graham Parlor*

#### **SABBATH EXPLORATION GROUP**

*2nd and 4th Mondays beginning September 25th |*

*5:00 p.m. | Youth Room*

### **TUESDAYS**

#### **EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY**

*Tuesdays | 11:00 AM*

#### **COMMUNITY OF HOPE INTERNATIONAL TRAINING**

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

### **WEDNESDAYS**

#### **HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY AT STARBUCKS**

*Wednesdays | 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 | 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 | 7:00 p.m.*

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