



# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 24 SEPTEMBER 2023  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I  
8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

### The Collect for Purity

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### The Collect of the Day

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Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: Philippians 1:21–30

The Holy Bible NRSV, p. 1071

*Commentary: The account of the founding of the Philippian church is recorded in Acts 16. Philippi was the first town in which Paul preached after crossing the Aegean Sea from Troas, entering what is now known as Europe. At that time the town had few Jewish residents and the first converts to Christianity were a Gentile businesswoman named Lydia and the Philippian jailer. When he wrote this letter, Paul was a prisoner, probably in Rome. Primarily this is a pastoral letter, meant to reassure and encourage the Philippians. Whether Paul lived or died and regardless of others' opinions, his whole life revolved around Jesus Christ. In life and in death, Paul considered himself blessed in Christ. Paul urged his readers to unite with one another, and with him, and to view suffering for their faith as a privilege that would glorify the Lord.*

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again. Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 105:1–6, 37–45**

*read responsively by whole verse*

*Confitemini Domino*

1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \*  
make known his deeds among the peoples.

2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \*  
and speak of all his marvelous works.

3 Glory in his holy Name; \*  
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \*  
continually seek his face.

*(The psalm continues overleaf.)*

5 Remember the marvels he has done, \*  
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,  
**6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \***  
**O children of Jacob his chosen.**  
 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \*  
 in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.  
**38 Egypt was glad of their going, \***  
**because they were afraid of them.**  
 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \*  
 and a fire to give light in the night season.  
**40 They asked, and quails appeared, \***  
**and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.**  
 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \*  
 so the river ran in the dry places.  
**42 For God remembered his holy word \***  
**and Abraham his servant.**  
 43 So he led forth his people with gladness, \*  
 his chosen with shouts of joy.  
**44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \***  
**and they took the fruit of others' toil,**  
 45 That they might keep his statutes \*  
 and observe his laws.

**Hallelujah!**

## **The Holy Gospel: Matthew 20:1–16**

*NRSV*, p.899

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

*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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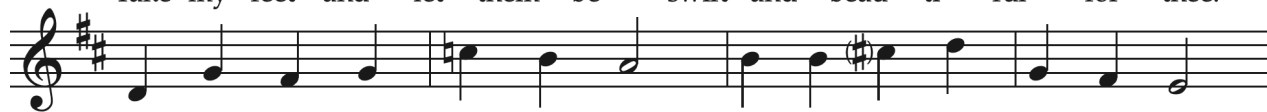
*Hollingside*



1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;  
 2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;  
 3 Take my sil - ver and my gold, none from thee would I with-hold.



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.  
 take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.  
 Take my feet and let them be swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love.  
 Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.  
 Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treas - ure store.



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*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.*  
*Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Organist: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
 Jason Christopher James*

# 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).



REGISTER NOW

## 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. Visit our website to RSVP or email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

## 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 | 5:00 p.m. | RSVP*

### TUESDAYS

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY

*Tuesdays | 11:00 AM*

COMMUNITY OF  
HOPE INTERNATIONAL  
TRAINING

*Tuesdays 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 | 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 | 6:30 p.m.*

CHOIR REHEARSAL

*Thursdays | 7:00 p.m.*

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