



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 522

“Glorious things of thee are spoken”

Austria

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.

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, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Exodus 17:1–7

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 62

Commentary: Previously, the Israelites complained because they were hungry and this time they complained because there was no water to drink when they camped at Rephidim. The Israelites' grumbling revealed lack of faith, since God had demonstrated repeatedly that He would supply their needs. The people wanted God to provide on their timetable, not as He saw fit. They lashed out at Moses, who took his frustrations to the Lord. At God's direction, Moses struck the rock, and the water that flowed as a consequence showed that God was with His people and that God's power continued to equip Moses to lead them.

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 383

"The head that once was crowned with thorns"

St. Magnus

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, “By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?” Jesus said to them, “I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?” And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose

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:

...To will and work for your good pleasure,

O Lord, enable us.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Celebrant says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**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

A Shaker Canon

*two Shaker tunes,
arr. John Sullivan*

Hop up and jump up and whirl round, whirl round,
Gather love, here it is all round, all round.
Here is love flowing round, catch it as you whirl round.
Reach up and reach down, here it is all round.

I will bow and be simple, I will bow and be free,
I will bow and be humble, yea, bow like the willow tree.
I will bow, this is the token, I will wear the easy yoke,
I will bow and will be broken, yea, I'll fall upon the rock.

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 B

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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: 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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

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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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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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 343	“Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”	<i>St. Agnes</i>
Hymn 685	“Rock of ages”	<i>Toplady</i>
Hymn 686	“Come, thou fount of every blessing”	<i>Nettleton</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 450	“All hail the power of Jesus’ Name”	<i>Coronation</i>
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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 Dr. Nancy Jose
Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God
and in loving memory of Alexander “Sandy” Johnston.*

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

- COMBINED ADULT FAITH FORMATION: “Thoughts from the Retreat” with the Rev. Cheryl Brainard- *Meets in the Lippitt Room or Via Zoom*
- JUBI-LATTE ROUND TABLE: *Meets on Youth Hall*
- SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR 3 Yrs.-5th GRADES: *Meets 2nd Floor Milton Hall*

LATER TODAY

- PARISH RETREAT CONCLUDES!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., OCTOBER 2-6

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 2

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 3

- 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, OCTOBER 4

- 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
- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
5:45 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 5

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

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 6

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 7

- QUIET REFLECTION
7:30-8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 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
- NEWCOMER MINGLE
4:00 PM | The Hardy Home - RSVP
- IGNITE! YOUTH GATHERING
5:00 PM | Bishop Wright Room

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the October 9th Digital Grapevine is Friday, October 6th.
The deadline for the November Grapevine Magazine is October 26th. Email communications@stjamesp.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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!

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.

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, October 15 | 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. | RSVP

The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home in October! Ellison and Cullen Clark are 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 15th to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcome! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB.

IGNITE! CORN MAZE

Sunday, October 15 | 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

All 6th-12th graders are invited to join us for one of our favorite fall activities, a corn maze! Plan to meet at St. James at 4:30 pm and return to St James approximately 6:30 pm. The cost of each ticket is \$12 (Scholarships are available by contacting Cookie!) Deadline for registration is October 8. Register online!

MEN ON A MISSION: OCTOBERFEST GATHERING

Sunday, October 22 | 3:00 - 5:30 p.m.

The St. James Men on a Mission are celebrating Octoberfest on Sunday, October 22, 2023 at 3:00 – 5:30 PM! This event is open to all men of St. James and any male guests 21+ years old, and it is being hosted by Steve Coggins at his Figure Eight Island home.

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 | 9:00-11:00 a.m.

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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