



# THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023  
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I  
8:00 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

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O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.**

**Psalm 78:1–4, 12–16** *read responsively by whole verse* *Attendite, popule*

1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

2 **I will open my mouth in a parable; \***  
**I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**

3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.

*(The psalm continues overleaf.)*

**4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.**

12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

**13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.**

14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.

**15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**

16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 21:23–32**

*NRSV*, p.901

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

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

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The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose

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Closing Hymn 470	"There's a wideness in God's mercy" <i>Beecher</i>

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;  
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;  
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind - ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.  
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;  
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.  
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.  
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

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*Celebrant: The Reverend Cheryl Brainard  
Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose  
Organist: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of  
Alexander "Sandy" Johnston*

# 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](http://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 Oktoberfest 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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