



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

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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Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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O God, the King of glory, who hast exalted thine only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph unto thy kingdom in heaven: We beseech thee, leave us not comfortless, but send to us thine Holy Ghost to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place whither our Savior Christ is gone before; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Holy Ghost, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Acts 1:15–17, 21–26

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 993

Commentary: The disciples had a growing realization of the profound privilege and responsibility conferred upon them, to tell the world about Jesus. The person chosen to take Judas' place had to be as qualified for this ministry as the other eleven, someone taught and trained by Jesus, someone who had shared His life and work. Having been a witness to Jesus' resurrection was especially important. Two men, apparently equally qualified, were proposed and the disciples prayed for God to show them which one He chose. Then they cast lots and the Lord indicated Matthias as His sovereign choice to fulfill the apostolic ministry.

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1

read responsively by whole verse

Cantate Domino

1 Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 **Their delight is in the law of the LORD, ***
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 **It is not so with the wicked; ***
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 **For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, ***
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

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

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayer of Humble Access

in unison

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers available upon request

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Prayer of Thanksgiving

in unison

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn 494

“Crown him with many crowns”

vv. 1-3

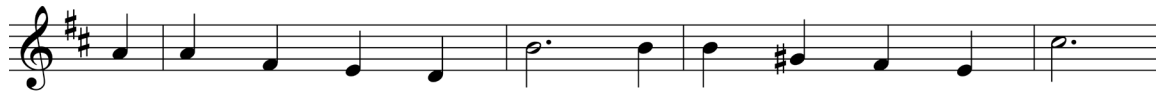
Diademata



1 Crown him with ma - ny crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
2 Crown him the Son of God, be - fore the worlds be - gan,
3 Crown him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave,



hark! how the heaven - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own;
and ye who tread where he hath trod, crown him the Son of man;
and rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those he came to save;



a - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
who ev - ery grief hath known that wrings the hu - man breast,
his glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high,



and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
and takes and bears them for his own, that all in him may rest.
who died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

The Dismissal

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Director of Music: John Sullivan

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
Dr. Donald Brock Koonce, Mary Bellamy Koonce, Michael Corbett Stovall, Jr.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., MAY 13-17

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

MONDAY, MAY 13

- SILENT AUCTION UNDERWAY
All Day | Online

TUESDAY, MAY 14

- SILENT AUCTION UNDERWAY
All Day | Online
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 AM | Register for Location

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

- SILENT AUCTION CONCLUDES
8:00 p.m. | Online
- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, MAY 16

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
6:30 PM | Register for Location

FRIDAY, MAY 17

- ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL
GRADUATION

SATURDAY, MAY 18

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, MAY 19 - PENTECOST

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:10 AM | Great Hall
- PARISH SHOP OPEN
8:45 - 10:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION HOUR
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:05 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- OUTREACH MEETING
11:30 AM | Lippitt Room
- BREAD BREAKERS:
HOSPITALITY AT HOME
4:00-6:00 PM | The Clark Home

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

COME AND SEE: SILENT AUCTION PREVIEW

Sunday, May 12 | 8:00 -11:30 AM | Youth Room

Before you bid, come join our St. James Youth for our Come and See Silent Auction Preview. This will be your chance to get an up-close look at some of the items up for bid! The Cash and Carry will officially be open for business and will be a first come first serve opportunity to purchase some of our smaller items throughout the duration of this year's Auction.

ST. JAMES YOUTH OUTREACH SILENT AUCTION BEGINS TONIGHT

Bidding opens at 8:00 p.m. | 32auctions.com/sjpauction24

In 2024 young people and adults from St. James will be participating in a variety of mission and outreach opportunities, learning new skills, helping other people, strengthening relationships, exploring our world and glorifying God through worship and in our daily lives. As a result of our activities, we hope to come away with a keener sense of God at work in us both here in Wilmington and in the world. Please help our 2024 Youth Ministries Outreach and Mission. We thank you in advance for your help and your support. Also, we thank you for your investment in the lives of our young people. Contact Cookie at cookie@stjamesp.org to learn more!

SAVE THE DATE: PARISH PICNIC

June 2 | 4:00-6:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

This year, the Annual Parish Picnic at Mt. Lebanon Chapel will be held on Sunday, June 2nd from 4:00-6:00 p.m! In addition to all of our favorite picnic traditions- grilling, potluck dishes, live music, and a bounce house, we are taking this opportunity to share a very special send-off. During the Picnic, we'll be taking some time to thank The Rev. Cheryl and Don Brainard for their dedicated ministry and loving care for this parish family. A link to donate to Cheryl's purse is up online. Make plans to join us for a time of fellowship, music, food, fun, and a bittersweet farewell. Help us know how many burgers and dogs to cook by completing the RSVP form online or by calling the church office at 910.763.1628.

GREETER GATHERING

Thursday, June 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

The St. James Greeter Ministry is looking for new recruits! We'd like to invite all current Greeters and any potential greeters to bring a guest and join us for a Greeter Gathering on Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy fellowship and will share some reflections about our special ministry. There will be food and beverages! If you have questions about the Greeter Ministry or would like to RSVP for this event please email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

OUTREACH COMMISSION MEET-UP

May 19, 2024 | 11:15 a.m. | Lippitt Room | RSVP

All are warmly invited to join us for an OutReach Meet-Up. During the meeting, we'll share a 2024 OutReach update with a focus on our current community partnerships. We plan to discuss "open" OutReach liaison partnerships, answer questions, learn more about your OutReach areas of interest, etc. Please invite your friends and family. OutReach covers a lot of ground and we welcome all willing hands and hearts. We expect this meeting to last 45 minutes. Childcare is available with RSVP. You may RSVP online at stjamesp.org/blog/outreachmeet/

BREAD BREAKERS:

HOSPITALITY AT HOME

Sunday, May 19, 2024 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | The Clark Home | RSVP

The St. James Bread Breakers are hosting Hospitality at Home in May. Bill and Happy 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. today to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. RSVP link is up now on the SJP website. Have questions, please reach out to Rachel Colonna at rcolonna85@gmail.com.

MAY VESTRY MEETING

Monday May 20, 2024 | 5:15-7:00 p.m. | Tatum Parlor

This month, our Vestry has a slightly different schedule and will meet on the third Monday at 5:15 p.m. in the Tatum Parlor to discuss the business of the parish and to hear from our parish family. These meetings are open and members of St. James Parish are welcome to attend.

LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

Sundays, May 26 - September 1st

As we get ready to open Mt. Lebanon Chapel for the summer, you're invited to share in the ministry of cookies and lemonade! Each Sunday while we worship at Mt. Lebanon Chapel, we're looking for parishioners to sign up to provide and serve lemonade and cookies following the 9:30 a.m. service. We have a leadership opportunity available with this ministry and are looking for someone to be available for questions for those who volunteer. Contact Communications@stjamesp.org if you are interested in learning more.

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