



# HOLY BAPTISM

## TRINITY SUNDAY

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024

10:15 A.M.

### Prelude

Processional Hymn 362

“Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!”

*Nicaea*

### THE WORD OF GOD

#### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom,  
now and for ever. Amen.**  
There is one Body and one Spirit;  
**There is one hope in God's call to us;**

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
**One God and Father of all.**  
The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
Let us pray.

#### The Collect of the Day

p. 228

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given to us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of your divine Majesty to worship the Unity: Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit live and reign, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

#### The First Lesson: Isaiah 6:1–8

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 622

*Commentary: The death of King Uzziah, who had reigned for 52 years, introduced a period of anxiety within Israel. The nation had lost the stability provided by a long-reigning king and her enemies were increasing in power and ambition. At this pivotal time, Isaiah received a vision of Israel's true King, on His heavenly throne. Fiery angels attended the Lord, whose glory was manifested in His holiness. God's glory was not restricted to the throne room or to heaven, it filled the whole earth. Isaiah, finding himself in the presence of utter purity, was terrified. In seeing God for who He is, Isaiah was also able to accurately assess himself: God showed grace to Isaiah, cleansing him from sin, and this ignited Isaiah's desire to be God's willing servant.*

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.”

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

Antiphon (The antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all)



Wor - ship the Lord in the beau - ty of ho - li-ness.



Ascribe to the LORD, you / **gods**, \*  
 ascribe to the LORD glory and / **strength**.  
 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his / **Name**; \*  
 worship the LORD in the beauty of / **holiness**.

**ANTIPHON**

The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;  
 the God of glory / **thunders**; \*  
 the LORD is upon the mighty / **waters**.  
 The voice of the LORD is a powerful / voice; \*  
 the voice of the LORD is a voice of / **splendor**.

**ANTIPHON**

The voice of the LORD breaks the / **cedar trees**; \*  
 the LORD breaks the cedars of / **Lebanon**;  
 He makes Lebanon skip like a / **calf**, \*  
 and Mount Hermon like a young wild / **ox**.

**ANTIPHON**

The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;  
 the voice of the LORD shakes the / **wilderness**; \*  
 the LORD shakes the wilderness of / **Kadesh**.  
 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees / **writhe** \*  
 and strips the forests / **bare**.

*Second half of chant:*  
 And in the temple of the / **LORD** \*  
 all are crying, / **“Glory!”**

**ANTIPHON**

The LORD sits enthroned above the / **flood**; \*  
 the LORD sits enthroned as King for ever-/ **more**.  
 The LORD shall give strength to his / **people**; \*  
 the LORD shall give his people the blessing of / **peace**.

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: Romans 8:12–17**

NRSV, p. 1032

*Commentary: Because of what God has done for us (see Romans 8:1-11), believers have a responsibility to respond appropriately. However, this can only be done with the Holy Spirit's help and we must choose every day to follow God's will instead of giving in to sinful human nature. The Holy Spirit leads people to Christ and then continues to lead them in the moral will of God. The Spirit does not compel or force anyone to do God's will as slaves of God. Rather, He appeals to us to submit voluntarily, as children of God. As adopted children of God we are His heirs, along with Jesus Christ, our brother. In this life we share Jesus' sufferings; but in the future we will share His glory.*

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn**

“How wondrous great, how glorious bright”

Richmond



1 How won-drous great, how glo - rious bright must our Cre - a - tor be,  
 2 Our soar - ing spi - rits up - wards rise to reach the burn - ing throne  
 3 Our rea - son stretch - es all its wings, and climbs a - bove the skies;  
 4 While all the heaven - ly pow - ers con - spire e - ter - nal praise to sing,



who dwells a - midst the daz - zling light of vast e - ter - ni - ty.  
 and long to see the bless - ed Three in the Al - might - y One.  
 but still how far be - neath thy feet our ground - ling know - ledge lies!  
 let faith in hum - ble notes a - dore the great mys - te - rious King.

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.” Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?” Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’ The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.” Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?” Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? “Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. “Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

**Hymn 297**

“Descend, O Spirit, purging flame”

*Erhalt uns, Herr*

**THE HOLY BAPTISM**

*of*

**JOHN TAYLOR LYNCH**

*Parents*

*Allan Taylor Lynch & Heather Higgins Lynch*

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

*Priest*

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present John Taylor Lynch to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*Priest*

Will you be responsible for seeing that this child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*Priest*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

**I will, with God’s help.**

*Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant*

*Question*

Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer*

**I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* **I renounce them.**

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* **I do.**

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* **I do.**

*The Priest addresses the congregation, saying*

*Priest* Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Priest* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

p. 304

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Priest* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Priest* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

*Priest* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Priest* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

p. 305

*Priest* Let us now pray for this person who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*            Open his heart to your grace and truth.  
*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*            Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*            Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.  
*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*            Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*            Send him into the world in witness to your love.  
*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*            Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People*            **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Priest*            Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

### Thanksgiving over the Water

p. 306

*Priest*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*            **And also with you.**  
*Priest*            Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*            **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Priest touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### The Baptism

p. 307

*Priest*            John, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
                       John, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*Priest*            Let us pray.  
 Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Priest and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### The Peace

p. 308

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

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

John Stainer, *from The Crucifixion*

God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son,  
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.  
For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world,  
but that the world through him might be saved.

~John 3:16-17

## Presentation Hymn 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones” *fourth stanza only*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

## The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

p. 361

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* 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.

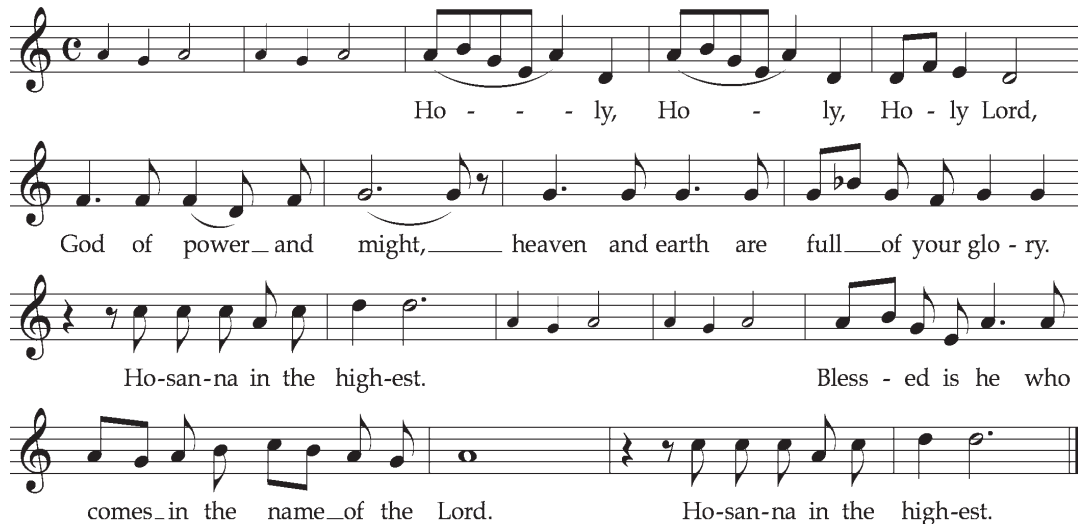
*Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...*

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 S128

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

William Mathias



Ho - - - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord,  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. 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

p. 364

**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

p. 364

### 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 489**

“The great Creator of the worlds”

*Tallis Ordinal*

**Hymn 337**

“And now, O Father, mindful of the love”

*Unde et memores*

**Hymn 325**

“Let us break bread together”

*Let Us Break Bread*

### The Postcommunion Prayer

p. 365

*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

May God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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 368

“Holy Father, great Creator”

*Regent Square*

### The Dismissal

*People* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

# TODAY AT ST. JAMES

## LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

*Sundays, May 26 - September 1st*

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](mailto:Communications@stjamesp.org) if you are interested in learning more. If you are interested in providing supplies or serving, please visit our website to sign up!

## EFWM BACKPACK DRIVE

*Tag Pick Up - May 26 & June 2 | Deadline Sunday, June 23*

The Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Backpack Drive is back! This year, they're hoping to collect filled backpacks for over 400 children and teens who will be in need of school supplies this fall. St. James has committed to providing backpacks for almost 60 Pre-K & Kindergarten students. If you are interested in picking up a tag to shop for a child, please make sure to stop by the table on Sunday, May 26 or Sunday, June 2! Please bring all filled backpacks to the Parish Office by June 23rd. You may also bring the backpack with you on Sunday Mornings. Keep an eye out for our designated drop-off locations.

Have questions about ways you can support the Episcopal Farmworker Ministry Back to School Drive? Reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to get connected!

## 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.

## LET US KNOW!

Life is full of changes! We want to help support you through the bad and the good. If you, or a loved one would like a pastoral care visit or to request prayer, please make sure to reach out to our church office or our clergy. We want to know how we can be there for you. The parish office number is 910-763-1628. Similarly, if you've experienced a job change and have a new preferred email, or maybe you've moved and have a new mailing address, please make sure to let us know. Please contact [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your contact information.

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., MAY 27-31

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

### MONDAY, MAY 27

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED:  
MEMORIAL DAY  
All Day
- MEMORIAL DAY: MORNING PRAYER  
8:00 AM | Zoom

### TUESDAY, MAY 28

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

### THURSDAY, MAY 30

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### FRIDAY, MAY 31

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SATURDAY, JUNE 1

- WESTERMARK VOICE RECITAL  
3:00 PM | St. James Parish

### SUNDAY, JUNE 2

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
9:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- LEMONADE & COOKIES  
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream
- ANNUAL PARISH PICNIC & SEND OFF  
FOR THE REV. CHERYL & DON BRAINARD  
4:00-6:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham*

*Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Tune Nunnelee II;  
in celebration of the baptism of John Taylor Lynch,  
and in thanksgiving for the life of John's grandmother, Jocelyn Strange Lynch (1947 - 2022)*

## ST. JAMES PARISH

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