



THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024
10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Processional Hymn 423

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

St. Denio

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

Collect for Purity

p. 355

Gloria in excelsis S280

Robert Powell

The Collect of the Day

p. 230

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 1 Samuel 15:34–16:13

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 257

Commentary: From a human perspective, Saul appeared to be the ideal man to serve as king, but his reign would prove to be a failure. Saul lost the privilege of leading God's people because he was unfaithful to God. Samuel grieved over Saul's rebellious behavior, but he obediently carried out the Lord's command to go to Bethlehem despite the possible risk to his life. Samuel judged Jesse's sons by their external qualities, just as the Israelites had judged Saul worthy based on his appearance. However, God evaluates people by His own standards, on the basis of their heartfelt affections and commitments. David, Jesse's youngest son, would be Israel's king. He would be successful because God's Spirit came upon him, empowered him for service, and remained with him from then on.

Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, “How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.” Samuel said, “How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.” And the LORD said, “Take a heifer with you, and say, ‘I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.’ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.” Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, “Do you come peaceably?” He said, “Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.” And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD.” But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.” Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, “Neither has the LORD chosen this one.” Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, “The LORD has not chosen any of these.” Samuel said to Jesse, “Are all your sons here?” And he said, “There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.” And Samuel said to Jesse, “Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes

here.” He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, “Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.” Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 20

Exaudiat te Dominus

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

We will shout for joy at your vic-tory and tri-umph in the Name of our God.

Psalm chant:

May the Lord answer you in the day of / **trouble,** *
the Name of the God of Jacob de-/ **fend you;**
Send you help from his holy / **place** *
and strengthen you out of / **Zion;**

ANTIPHON

Remember all your / **offerings** *
and accept your burnt / **sacrifice;**
Grant you your heart’s de-/ **sire** *
and prosper all your / **plans.**

ANTIPHON

We will shout for joy at your victory
and triumph in the Name of our / **God;** *
may the Lord grant all your re-/ **quests.**
Now I know that the Lord gives victory to his a-/ **nointed;** *
he will answer him out of his holy heaven,
with the victorious strength of his / **right hand.**

ANTIPHON

Some put their trust in chariots and some in / **horses,** *
but we will call upon the Name of the Lord our / **God.**
They collapse and fall / **down,** *
but we will arise and stand / **upright.**

Second half of chant:

O Lord, give victory to the / **king** *
and answer us when we / **call.**

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 5:6–10,14–17

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1055

Commentary: Paul wrote that believers are either in their mortal bodies and absent from the Lord or they are with the Lord and absent from their mortal bodies. Believers now walk by faith but there is no need to despair, since God has revealed what is in store for them. As they look forward to their destination, heaven, they can follow Paul’s example of living to please God now. Paul realized that God’s love for him merited his complete devotion to God in return. Through faith in Jesus Christ, Christians become not just better people, they become new creations, indwelt by the life-giving Holy Spirit.

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

People The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn 424

“For the fruit of all creation”

East Acklam

The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

NRSV, p. 916

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

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

Jesus said, “The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.” He also said, “With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.” With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People - Form IV

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The response to each petition:

...Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

Confession of Sin and Absolution

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The Peace

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Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

tune: *Penitentia*, Edward Dearle
arr. John Sullivan

Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face;
here would I touch and handle things unseen;
here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace,
and all my weariness upon thee lean.

Here would I feed upon the Bread of God,
here drink with thee the royal Wine of heaven;
here would I lay aside each earthly load,
here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiven.

I have no help but thine; nor do I need
another arm save thine to lean upon;
it is enough, my Lord, enough indeed;
my strength is in thy might, thy might alone.

Mine is the sin, but thine the righteousness:
mine is the guilt, but thine the cleansing Blood.
Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace;
thy Blood, thy righteousness, O Lord my God

~ *Horatius Bonar*

Presentation Hymn 380

third stanza only

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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Sanctus S129

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Powell

The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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Fraction Anthem: S152

Mason Martens

The Communion of the People

Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.

Communion Hymns

Hymn 589	“Almighty God, your word is cast”	<i>Walden</i>
Hymn 602	“Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love”	<i>Hymn tune</i>
Hymn 620	“Jerusalem, my happy home”	<i>Land of Rest</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 596

“Judge eternal, throned in splendor”

Komm, o komm, du Geist des Lebens

The Dismissal

Postlude

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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

St. Mary's, Burgaw: The Reverend Dan MacGill

Director of Music: John Sullivan

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JUNE 17-21

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

MONDAY, JUNE 17

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

- JUNETEENTH - OFFICE CLOSED**
• NO EVENTS PLANNED

THURSDAY, JUNE 20

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JUNE 21

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JUNE 22

- HABITAT FOR HUMANITY
LANDSCAPING THE UNITY BUILD
7:45 AM - 12:00 PM | Spaces are limited.

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

- 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
- PARISH MEET & GREET
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

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