



# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 16 JUNE 2024

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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Keep, O Lord, we beseech thee, thy household the Church in thy steadfast faith and love, that by the help of thy grace we may proclaim thy truth with boldness, and minister thy justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

**The 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.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 20**

*read responsively by whole verse*

*Exaudiat te Dominus*

1 May the LORD answer you in the day of trouble, \*  
the Name of the God of Jacob defend you;

2 **Send you help from his holy place \*  
and strengthen you out of Zion;**

3 Remember all your offerings \*  
and accept your burnt sacrifice;

4 **Grant you your heart's desire \*  
and prosper all your plans.**

5 We will shout for joy at your victory  
and triumph in the Name of our God; \*  
may the LORD grant all your requests.

**6 Now I know that the LORD gives victory  
to his anointed; \***

**he will answer him out of his holy heaven,  
with the victorious strength of his right hand.**

7 Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses, \*  
but we will call upon the Name  
of the LORD our God.

**8 They collapse and fall down, \*  
but we will arise and stand upright.**

9 O LORD, give victory to the king \*  
and answer us when we call.

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

*NRSV*, p. 916

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

*People*

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

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 be to thee, O Christ.**

**The Sermon**

The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

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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**

**Closing Hymn 423**

“Immortal, invisible, God only wise”

*St. Denio*

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
 in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
 thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,  
 all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but nought chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

**The Dismissal**

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare  
 Director of Music: John Sullivan  
 St. Mary's, Burgaw: The Reverend Dan MacGill*

# TODAY AT ST. JAMES

## LEMONADE AT MT. LEBANON

*Through 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. Contact Margaret Gordon at [derossetgordon@gmail.com](mailto:derossetgordon@gmail.com) 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 - *Deadline Sunday, June 23*

A huge thank you to everyone who has adopted a child to shop for. Please bring all filled backpacks to the Parish Office by June 23rd. You may also bring the backpack with you on Sunday Mornings. If you don't think you will be able to fill a backpack but would still like to support this ministry you may Donate to the EFWM directly or shop their Amazon Wishlist. Links are on our website. 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!

## 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 reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your info.

## PARISH MEET AND GREET

*Sunday, June 23 | 10:30 a.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel*

The St. James Evangelism Commission will be hosting the Parish Meet & Greet on June 23rd! Following the 9:30 a.m. service, we'll gather at Mt. Lebanon Chapel for a time of fellowship. Come ready to welcome one another and build relationships with newcomers to our church family.

## MEN ON A MISSION

The St. James Men on a Mission continues to serve dinner at Good Shepherd on the *first and third Tuesdays* of the month (4:30-7:00 pm), as well as at the Sgt Ashley Center (5:00-7:00 pm) for homeless veterans on the *fourth Thursday* of each month. If you are interested in signing up to serve, please reach out to Brian McMerty at [bmcmetry@arris.partners](mailto:bmcmetry@arris.partners).

## WILMINGTON SHARKS GAME

*Sunday, June 30 | 5:00 p.m. | Legion Stadium*

On June 30th, the St. James Bread Breakers will be gathering together for the Wilmington Sharks Baseball Game. The game starts at 5:00 p.m. Please use the link online to sign up for tickets. Anyone 4 or older will need a ticket to the game. Kevin and Taber Tornes are hosting this special gathering and will cover up to 50 tickets for the Breadbreakers, so sign up early if you want tickets for your family!

## MEALS ON WHEELS

*Sunday, June 30*

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, June 30th and we need volunteers! Anyone willing to drive, cook, and/or bring two dozen rolls is greatly appreciated. We are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. If you are willing and able to participate, especially drivers, please contact [nlbplus21@gmail.com](mailto:nlbplus21@gmail.com).

## 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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