



# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SUNDAY 12 MAY 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

## Prelude

Processional Hymn 494

“Crown him with many crowns”

*Diademata*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ is risen.

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

### Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Gloria in excelsis

William Mathias

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and  
peace to his peo - ple on earth. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -  
migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we  
praise you for your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ,  
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you  
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;

you are seat - ed at the right \_\_\_ hand \_\_\_ of the Fa - ther; re -  
 ceive our prayer. For  
 you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, \_\_\_\_\_  
 you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the  
 Ho - ly \_\_\_ Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of  
 God the Fa - ther. \_\_\_\_\_ A - - - - men.

**The Collect of the Day**

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**The First 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.

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

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



**Psalm chant:**



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

**ANTIPHON**

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.**  
 It is not so with the / **wicked**; \*  
 they are like chaff which the wind blows a-/way.

**ANTIPHON**

Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright  
 when judgment / **comes**, \*  
 nor the sinner in the council of the / **righteous.**  
 For the LORD knows the way of the / **righteous**, \*  
 but the way of the wicked is / **doomed.**

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: 1 John 5:9–13**

*NRSV*, p. 1114

*Commentary: During Jesus' earthly ministry, God at times bore witness to His Son (for two examples, see Matthew 3:17 and John 12:28). Additionally, God testifies to the truth regarding Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit. If a person does not believe the Spirit's testimony, he is saying God has lied. This is the content of God's testimony: Jesus Christ and eternal life, together, are one gift that comes from God. Assurance of salvation rests on God's promise, not on human works. We can be sure we have eternal life if we have placed our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn 483**

“The head that once was crowned with thorns”

*St. Magnus*

*During the Sequence Hymn, the children leave for Children's Chapel*

**The Holy Gospel: John 17:6–19**

*NRSV*, p. 987

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

## The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

## The Nicene Creed

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*Celebrant and People*

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## Prayers of the People

*The response to each petition:*

...Savior, in your mercy,

**Hear our Prayer.**

## The Peace

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

## Welcome and Announcements

# THE HOLY COMMUNION

## Offertory Anthem

Robert Lee

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature,  
O Thou of God and man the Son,  
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,  
Robed in the blooming garb of spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,  
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!  
Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, praise, adoration,  
Now and forever more be Thine.

## Presentation Hymn 618

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

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! To  
God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, Three in One,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

## The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer A

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
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...*

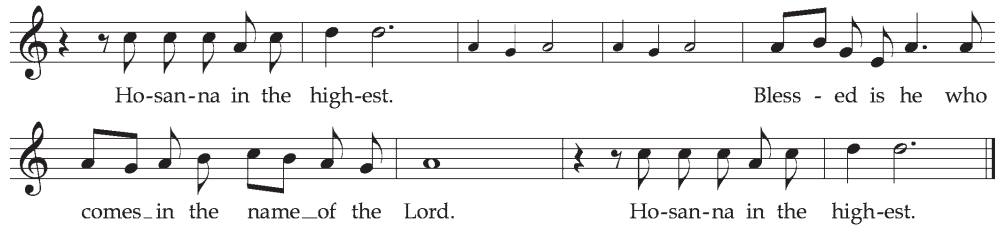
Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## Sanctus

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

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**

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**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.**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

**Fraction Anthem: Hymn 417**

*sung by all*

*vv. 1 & 2*

*Festival Canticle*



*Antiphon*  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

1 Wor- thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
2 Bless- ing, hon- or, glo- ry, and might  
whose blood set us free to be peo- ple of God. [repeat antiphon]  
to God and the Lamb for ev- er. A- - - men. [final antiphon]

*Final Antiphon*  
This is the feast of vic-tory for our God.  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

# The Communion of the People

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

## Communion Hymns

**Hymn** "Word of God, come down on earth" *Liebster Jesu*

1 Word of \_\_\_ God, come down on earth, liv - ing rain from heaven de - scend - ing;  
 2 Word e - ter - nal, throned on high, Word that brought to life cre - a - tion,  
 3 Word that \_\_\_ caused blind eyes to see, speak and heal our mor - tal blind - ness;  
 4 Word that \_\_\_ speaks your Fa - ther's love, one with him be - yond all tell - ing,

touch our \_\_\_ hearts and bring to birth faith and hope and love un - end - ing.  
 Word that \_\_\_ came from heaven to die, cru - ci - fied for our sal - va - tion,  
 deaf we \_\_\_ are: our heal - er be; loose our tongues to tell your kind - ness.  
 Word that \_\_\_ sends us from a - bove God the Spi - rit, with us dwell - ing,

Word al - might - y, we re - vere you; Word made flesh, we long to hear you.  
 sav - ing Word, the world re - stor - ing, speak to us, your love out - pour - ing.  
 Be our Word in pi - ty spo - ken; heal the world, by our sin brok - en.  
 Word of truth, to all truth lead us, Word of life, with one Bread, feed us.

**Hymn 314** "Humbly I adore thee" *Adoro devote*

**Hymn 656** "Blest are the pure in heart" *Franconia*

## The Postcommunion Prayer

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*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

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 544** "Jesus shall reign where'er the sun" *Duke Street*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

## Postlude



*Celebrant: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare*  
*Organist & Choir Director: John Sullivan*

*Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*Children's Chapel: Ansley Trask*

*St. Mary's, Burgaw: The Rt. Reverend Robert S. Skirving*

*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.*

# 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](https://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](mailto:cookie@stjamesp.org) to learn more!

## 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 expect this meeting to last 45 minutes. Childcare is available with RSVP. You may RSVP online at [stjamesp.org/blog/outreachmeet/](https://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](mailto: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 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.

## 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

EDITORIAL DEADLINES: The deadline for the May 20<sup>th</sup> Weekly Digital Grapevine is Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>.

The deadline for the June Grapevine Magazine is May 24<sup>th</sup>. Email [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org).

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