



THE FIRST SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
TRINITY SUNDAY
THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 26 MAY 2024
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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Almighty and everlasting God, who hast given unto us thy servants grace, by the confession of a true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the Divine Majesty to worship the Unity: We beseech thee that thou wouldest keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see thee in thy one and eternal glory, O Father; who with the Son and the Holy Spirit livest and reignest, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The 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.

Psalm 29*read responsively by whole verse**Afferte Domino*

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.**
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**

- 7 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.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe *
and strips the forests bare.**
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for evermore.**
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

The Holy Gospel: John 3:1–17*NRSV, p. 970*

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

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

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.

*People*The Gospel of the Lord.
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The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

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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

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

“How wondrous great, how glorious bright”

Richmond

1 How won - drous great, how glo - rious bright must
 2 Our soar - ing spi - rits up - wards rise to
 3 Our rea - son stretch - es all its wings, and
 4 While all the heaven - ly pow - ers con - spire e -

our Cre - a - tor be, who dwells a - midst the
 reach the burn - ing throne and long to see the
 climbs a - bove the skies; but still how far be -
 ter - nal praise to sing, let faith in hum - ble

daz - zling light of vast e - ter - ni - ty.
 bless - ed Three in the Al - might - y One.
 neath thy feet our ground - ling know - ledge lies!
 notes a - dore the great mys - te - rious King.

The Dismissal

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*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham
 Director of Music: 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)*

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 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 26th & 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 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 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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