

Opening Acclamation

THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

Sunday 2 June 2024 8:00 a.m.

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

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THE WORD OF GOD

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O God, whose never-failing providence ordereth all things both in heaven and earth: We humbly beseech thee to put away from us all hurtful things, and give us those things which are profitable for us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 Samuel 3:1–10

Commentary: Before his birth, Samuel was dedicated to God's service (see 1 Samuel 1). From an early age his home was with the priests at the house of the Lord, then located in Shiloh. At this time in Israel's history, special revelations from God were rare. Samuel, who saw clearly both physically and spiritually, contrasts with Eli, who could not see well either way. Samuel's self-discipline in getting up three times in response to what he thought was Eli's call was commendable. God had not previously communicated with Samuel directly, but now God called to him and even stood by him. Samuel's response, which is worth emulating, was to listen to the Lord.

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, "Samuel! Samuel!" and he said, "Here I am!" and ran to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call; lie down again." So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, "Samuel!" Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." But he said, "I did not call, my son; lie down again." Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, "Here I am, for you called me." Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, "Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, 'Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, "Samuel! Samuel!" And Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; * you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places * and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, * but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before * and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; * it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 12 For you yourself created my inmost parts; * you knit me together in my mother's womb.

- 13 I will thank you because I am marvelously made; * your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
- 14 My body was not hidden from you, * while I was being made in secret and woven in the depths of the earth.
- 15 Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were written in your book; * they were fashioned day by day, when as yet there was none of them.
- 16 How deep I find your thoughts, O God!* how great is the sum of them!
- 17 If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand; *

to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 2:23-3:6

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

People Glory be to thee, O Lord.

One sabbath Jesus and his disciples were going through the grainfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, "Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?" And he said to them, "Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions." Then he said to them, "The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath." Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come forward." Then he said to them, "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?" But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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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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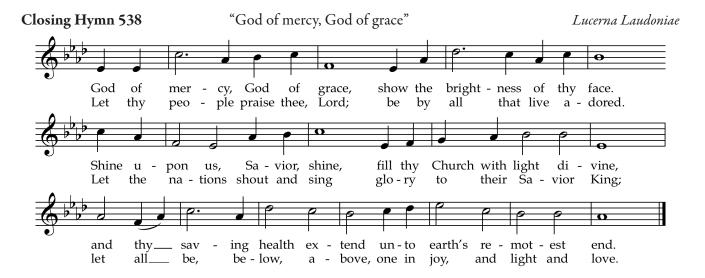
Prayer of Thanksgiving

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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



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Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Beth Lilly Director of Music: John Sullivan

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dev and Margaret Lippitt; Dev and Gabrielle Lippitt; Margaret "Peg" Lippitt Rorison

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 26& June 2 | DeadlineSunday, 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!

TONIGHT: 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@stjanesp.org to update your contact information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JUNE 3 - 7

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

MONDAY, JUNE 3

• LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF 5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

THURSDAY, JUNE 6

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JUNE 8

• NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

- YOUTH DEPART FOR GLORY RIDGE
- 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

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