



THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 9 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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O God, from whom all good doth come: Grant that by thy inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by thy merciful guiding may perform the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1055

Commentary: Despite persecution and suffering, Paul continued to serve God faithfully because he was fully convinced that when death ended his service here, God would raise him from the dead. The resurrection of Jesus guaranteed the resurrection of believers in Jesus. Paul gladly endured suffering for the gospel since he knew it resulted in the Corinthians' good. Although Paul did not lose heart, his hardships were taking a heavy toll on his body. However, Paul remained steadfast. Spiritually he was still growing and he realized that suffering now for Jesus' sake would one day result in glory. Paul kept his eyes on unseen, future realities and that enabled him to avoid present discouragement.

Just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 138

read responsively by whole verse

Confitebor tibi

1 I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with my whole heart; *
before the gods I will sing your praise.

2 I will bow down toward your holy temple
and praise your Name, *
because of your love and faithfulness;

3 For you have glorified your Name *
and your word above all things.

4 When I called, you answered me; *
you increased my strength within me.

5 All the kings of the earth will praise you, O LORD, *
when they have heard the words of your mouth.

6 They will sing of the ways of the LORD, *
that great is the glory of the LORD.

(The psalm continues overleaf.)

7 Though the LORD be high, he cares for the lowly; *
he perceives the haughty from afar.

**8 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; *
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies;
your right hand shall save me.**

9 The LORD will make good his purpose for me; *
O LORD, your love endures for ever;
do not abandon the works of your hands.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 3:20–35

NRSV, p. 914

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin”— for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.” Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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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.

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 594

“God of grace and God of glory”

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal



*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
 Director of Music: John Sullivan
 St. Mary's, Burgaw: Beth Lilly*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Helen Margaret Messick Willetts and Frederick Willetts, Jr.*

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 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!

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.

GREETER GATHERING

Thursday, June 13 | 5:30 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

The St. James Greeter Ministry is looking for new recruits! We'd like to invite all current Greeters and any potential greeters to bring a guest and join us for a Greeter Gathering on Thursday, June 13th at 5:30 p.m. We'll enjoy fellowship and will share some reflections about our special ministry. There will be food and beverages! If you have questions about the Greeter Ministry or would like to RSVP for this event please email Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

PARISH MEET AND GREET

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

Save the date! The St. James Evangelism Commission will be hosting the Parish Meet & Greet on June 23rd! Following the 9:30 a.m. service on June 23rd, 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.

WILMINGTON SHARKS GAME

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

On June 30th, instead of our usual Hospitality at Home potluck, 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 button below 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!

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JUNE 10-14

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- SJDS: SUMMER CAMP IN SESSION
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | St. James Day School
- SJP YOUTH: GLORY RIDGE
All Week | Madison County, NC

MONDAY, JUNE 10

- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor

TUESDAY, JUNE 11

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Parish

THURSDAY, JUNE 13

- GREETER GATHERING
5:30 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

FRIDAY, JUNE 14

- ST. PETER'S CHOIR SCHOOL
PERFORMANCE
7:00 p.m. | St. James Parish

SATURDAY, JUNE 15

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

- 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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