



HOLY BAPTISM

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 30 JUNE 2024

10:15 A.M.

Prelude: Prelude on *Jesus Loves Me* John Sullivan
Processional Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" *Hymn to Joy*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**
There is one Body and one Spirit;
There is one hope in God's call to us;
One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;
One God and Father of all.
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

p. 230

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: 2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 272

Commentary: The battlefield deaths of King Saul and his son Jonathan removed obstacles to David's coronation as Israel's king, yet David did not rejoice. Instead, he composed a lament for them known as 'The Song of the Bow'. The lament lauds the fallen men, mourns their deaths and praises their bravery, inseparable love and Saul's virtues. As long as Saul lived, David honored him as Israel's king, but David especially grieved the loss of his dear friend and spiritual brother, Jonathan.

After the death of Saul, when David had returned from defeating the Amalekites, David remained two days in Ziklag. David intoned this lamentation over Saul and his son Jonathan. (He ordered that The Song of the Bow be taught to the people of Judah; it is written in the Book of Jashar.) He said: Your glory, O Israel, lies slain upon your high places! How the mighty have fallen! Tell it not in Gath, proclaim it not in the streets of Ashkelon; or the daughters of the Philistines will rejoice, the daughters of the uncircumcised will exult. You mountains of Gilboa, let there be no dew or rain upon you, nor bounteous fields! For there the shield of the mighty was defiled, the shield of Saul, anointed with oil no more. From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan did not turn back, nor the sword of Saul return empty. Saul and Jonathan, beloved and lovely! In life and in death they were not divided; they were swifter than eagles, they were stronger than lions. O daughters of Israel, weep over Saul, who clothed you with crimson, in luxury, who put ornaments

of gold on your apparel. How the mighty have fallen in the midst of the battle! Jonathan lies slain upon your high places. I am distressed for you, my brother Jonathan; greatly beloved were you to me; your love to me was wonderful, passing the love of women. How the mighty have fallen, and the weapons of war perished!.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

People

Psalm 130

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

setting: Sullivan



My soul waits for the Lord; in his word is my hope.

Psalm chant:



Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
 Lord, hear my / **voice**; *
 let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-/cation.
 If you, LORD, were to note what is done a-/miss, *
 O LORD, who could / **stand**?

ANTIPHON

For there is forgiveness with / **you**; *
 therefore you shall be / **feared**.
 I wait for the LORD; my soul / **waits for him**; *
 in his word is my / **hope**.

ANTIPHON

My soul waits for the LORD,
 more than watchmen for the / **morning**, *
 more than watchmen for the / **morning**.
 O Israel, wait for the / **LORD**, *
 for with the LORD there is / **mercy**;
Second half of chant:
 With him there is plenteous re-/demption, *
 and he shall redeem Israel from all their / **sins**.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: 2 Corinthians 8:7–15

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1057

Commentary: During his travels, Paul was actively collecting money for Jewish Christians in Jerusalem. The Jerusalem Christians were poor for many reasons, including persecution, economic ostracism, heavy taxation and famine. Paul saw this offering as a way of emphasizing the equality between Jewish and Gentile believers and he encouraged his readers' generosity by reminding them of Christ's gift of Himself for needy humanity. Paul's focus was a specific collection for specific recipients, but his principles regarding Christian generosity are universal. Gratitude to Jesus Christ should be the fundamental motive for Christian giving.

As you excel in everything – in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you-- so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking. I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something – now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has-- not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written, "The one who had much did not have too much, and the one who had little did not have too little."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

People

Sequence Hymn 686

"Come, thou fount of every blessing"

Nettleton

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus had crossed again in the boat to the other side, a great crowd gathered around him; and he was by the sea. Then one of the leaders of the synagogue named Jairus came and, when he saw him, fell at his feet and begged him repeatedly, “My little daughter is at the point of death. Come and lay your hands on her, so that she may be made well, and live.” So he went with him. And a large crowd followed him and pressed in on him. Now there was a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years. She had endured much under many physicians, and had spent all that she had; and she was no better, but rather grew worse. She had heard about Jesus, and came up behind him in the crowd and touched his cloak, for she said, “If I but touch his clothes, I will be made well.” Immediately her hemorrhage stopped; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her disease. Immediately aware that power had gone forth from him, Jesus turned about in the crowd and said, “Who touched my clothes?” And his disciples said to him, “You see the crowd pressing in on you; how can you say, ‘Who touched me?’” He looked all around to see who had done it. But the woman, knowing what had happened to her, came in fear and trembling, fell down before him, and told him the whole truth. He said to her, “Daughter, your faith has made you well; go in peace, and be healed of your disease.” While he was still speaking, some people came from the leader’s house to say, “Your daughter is dead. Why trouble the teacher any further?” But overhearing what they said, Jesus said to the leader of the synagogue, “Do not fear, only believe.” He allowed no one to follow him except Peter, James, and John, the brother of James. When they came to the house of the leader of the synagogue, he saw a commotion, people weeping and wailing loudly. When he had entered, he said to them, “Why do you make a commotion and weep? The child is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. Then he put them all outside, and took the child’s father and mother and those who were with him, and went in where the child was. He took her by the hand and said to her, “Talitha cum,” which means, “Little girl, get up!” And immediately the girl got up and began to walk about (she was twelve years of age). At this they were overcome with amazement. He strictly ordered them that no one should know this, and told them to give her something to eat.

People The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Baptism Hymn 297

“Descend, O Spirit, purging flame”

Erhalt Uns, Herr

**THE HOLY BAPTISM
OF**

LYLA LYN WARNER

Parents

Luke and Hillary Warner

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 301

Priest

The Candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents and Godparents

I present Lyla Lyn Warner to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Priest

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Priest

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents and Godparents

I will, with God’s help.

Then the Priest asks the following questions of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infant

Question Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer **I renounce them.**

Question Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer **I do.**

Question Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer **I do.**

The Priest addresses the congregation, saying

Priest Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

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Priest Do you believe in God the Father?

People **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Priest Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.**

Priest Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Priest Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People **I will, with God's help.**

Prayers for the Candidate

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Priest Let us now pray for Lyla who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.
Leader Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Open her heart to your grace and truth.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Keep her in the faith and communion of your holy Church.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Send her into the world in witness to your love.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Priest Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

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Priest The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

At the following words, the Priest touches the water

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM

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Priest Lyla, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
Lyla, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Priest Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace. Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give her an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Priest and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

Gerald Near

Christ hath a garden walled around,
A paradise of fruitful ground,
Chosen by love and fenced by grace
From out the world's wide wilderness.
Like trees of spice his servants stand,
There planted by his mighty hand;
By Eden's gracious streams, that flow
To feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heaven and bear
Their sweetest perfume through the air:
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom,
Till the beloved Master come:
That he may come, and linger yet
Among the trees that he hath set;
That he may evermore be seen
To walk amid the springing green.

~ Robert Bridges, *after* Isaac Watts

Presentation Hymn 380

third stanza only

Old 100th

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.**

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer B

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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:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

The Celebrant continues, saying in the midst of the prayer:

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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.

Fraction Anthem: S152

Mason Martens

The Communion of the People

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

Communion Hymns

Hymn 645	"The King of love my shepherd is"	<i>St. Columba</i>
Hymn 603	"When Christ was lifted from the earth"	<i>St. Botolph</i>
Hymn 304	"I come with joy to meet my Lord"	<i>Land of Rest</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 665

"All my hope on God is founded"

Michael

The Dismissal

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Postlude

Prelude on *Michael*

Sullivan



St. James, Downtown

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Director of Music: John Sullivan*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham
Music: Steve Mueller*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday, June 30

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, June 30th. 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. Thank you to all our volunteers!

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. The deadline to RSVP for our ticket block has passed but you are welcome to meet us there! Have questions about this gathering? Please reach out to Kevin Tornes or Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

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!

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 bmcmertry@arrispartners.com.

INDEPENDENCE DAY - JULY 4

The St. James Parish office will be closed on Thursday, July 4th in observation of Independence Day. All are warmly invited to join us at 8:00 a.m. for a special offering of Morning Prayer on Independence Day. Please keep an eye on your email for the link.

VESTRY MEETING

Monday July 8, 2024 | 5:15 p.m. | Graham Parlor

Our Vestry gathers on the second Monday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the Graham Parlor 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.

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 to update your contact information.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 1 - 5

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

MONDAY, JULY 1

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JULY 2

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 3

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

THURSDAY, JULY 4

- INDEPENDENCE DAY
• PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
All Day
- MORNING PRAYER ON THE 4th OF JULY
8:00 AM | Zoom

FRIDAY, JULY 5

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JULY 6

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JULY 7

- 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 AT MT. LEBANON
10:15 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Livestream

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