



THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 7 JULY 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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The Collect of the Day

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O God, who hast taught us to keep all thy commandments by loving thee and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to thee with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 276

Commentary: Following God's guidance, David returned to Judah after Saul's death. Hebron stood about twenty miles southwest of Jerusalem, in the Judean hill country. David ruled as Judah's king for more than seven years, then he finally gained the throne over the entire nation of Israel, as God had ordained. Jerusalem was well positioned to be Israel's capital. It was more centrally located than Hebron and its elevation made it relatively easy to defend. Jerusalem became known as the City of David and the new king prospered there, because God was with him.

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, "Look, we are your bone and flesh. For some time, while Saul was king over us, it was you who led out Israel and brought it in. The LORD said to you: It is you who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you who shall be ruler over Israel." So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel. David was thirty years old when he began to reign, and he reigned forty years. At Hebron he reigned over Judah seven years and six months; and at Jerusalem he reigned over all Israel and Judah thirty-three years. David occupied the stronghold, and named it the city of David. David built the city all around from the Millo inwards. And David became greater and greater, for the LORD, the God of hosts, was with him.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 48

read responsively by whole verse

Magnus Dominus

1 Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised; *
in the city of our God is his holy hill.

5 They looked and were astounded; *
they retreated and fled in terror.

2 Beautiful and lofty, the joy
of all the earth, is the hill of Zion, *
the very center of the world
and the city of the great King.

6 Trembling seized them there; *
they writhed like a woman in childbirth,
like ships of the sea
when the east wind shatters them.

3 God is in her citadels; *
he is known to be her sure refuge.

7 As we have heard, so have we seen,
in the city of the Lord of hosts,
in the city of our God; *
God has established her for ever.

4 Behold, the kings of the earth assembled *
and marched forward together.

The psalm continues overleaf.

**8 We have waited in silence on your
loving-kindness, O God, *
in the midst of your temple.**

9 Your praise, like your Name, O God,
reaches to the world's end; *
your right hand is full of justice.

**10 Let Mount Zion be glad
and the cities of Judah rejoice, *
because of your judgments.**

11 Make the circuit of Zion;
walk round about her; *
count the number of her towers.

**12 Consider well her bulwarks;
examine her strongholds; *
that you may tell those who come after.**

13 This God is our God for ever and ever; *
he shall be our guide for evermore.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:1–13

NRSV, p. 917

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

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

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

The Sermon

Steve Thomas, *Seminarian*

The Nicene Creed

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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* p. 338
Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison* p. 339

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 671 “Amazing grace!” *New Britain*

The Dismissal p. 340



Downtown

*Celebrant: The Reverend Beth Lilly
 Preacher: Steve Thomas, Seminarian
 Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
 Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
 Music: Steve Mueller*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Bill Milholland

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
 Palmer Haire Waters, Owen William Waters, Jr., Lynn Billington Waters, Norman Glendon Chafin, Jr.*

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 8-12

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- MONDAY, JULY 8**
- VESTRY MEETING
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JULY 9

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
8:00 AM | Starbucks on 16th St.
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, JULY 11

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JULY 12

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JULY 13

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JULY 14

- 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

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!

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 bmcmerly@arris.partners.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

DEADLINE: Monday, July 8

As we prepare for the program year ahead, we want to hear from you. Physical copies of the form are available or you may take the survey online using the QR Code. Please take a few moments to share your experiences with our Adult Faith Formation Programs in 2023-2024.



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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS ON THE WAY: GET READY TO START THE PARTY!

Set Up Week: July 29- August 2

VBS: August 5-8 | 9:00 a.m - 12:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School returns August 5th - 8th.

Registration for Start the Party is open and we have a few spaces remaining. There are ways for everyone to join the fun as we make plans to Start the Party! Let's celebrate the Good News!

Register online at:
stjamesp.org/vbs24/

Want to get involved?

As we begin to dive into planning for another wonderful VBS, we're calling on our parish family to help us make it happen. There lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities. Here are some of the ways YOU can be a part of our 2024 VBS:

- Station Leaders
- Group Leaders
- Snacks/Hospitality Team
- Car Line Helpers
- Photographer
- Set Design & Preparations Team
- Set-up Helpers
- Music & Motions Helpers
- Station & Group Helpers
- Donate Funds or Supplies!

To volunteer, please email christianformation@stjamesp.org.

COME TO THE TABLE: PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS THIS MONTH

RETREAT WEEKEND: September 27-29

We welcome our parish family to attend this year's Parish Retreat, where we will reflect in the shared faith and relationship that we bring and receive at the table. As followers of Christ once journeyed long roads to arrive in upper rooms for breaking bread, we too are each on our own spiritual paths. Whether in practices and rituals around the tables of our homes, in the sacred Eucharist at the table of our church, or in ensuring our tables invite the work of justice and peace, we hope to inspire a deeper value of the spiritual place of these tables. Come join us for times of individual, small group and community contemplation of the story of the Road to Emmaus for adults, youth and children alike. We will learn and play as a parish family. Join us as we explore this story in a variety of methods as well as have time for relaxation and respite. All are welcome to be a part of fellowship, food and fun at Trinity Center.

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