



THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 14 JULY 2024
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully to receive the prayers of thy people who call upon thee, and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfill the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 277

Commentary: David had made Jerusalem his capital city and he also wanted it to be the center of Israel's religious life. With this in mind, David made plans to bring the ark of the covenant from its current location to Jerusalem. Through Moses, God had given explicit instructions for how the ark was to be transported from place to place (see Exodus 25:13-15). God's holiness will not be compromised and although David set out with great rejoicing, God taught him that in this matter obedience was more important than good intentions (see 2 Samuel 6:6-12a). After a three month hiatus, the ark's journey to Jerusalem resumed. God's symbolic entry into the city was a cause for celebration, led by David as he joyfully danced before the ark.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart.

They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

People The Word of the Lord.
 Thanks be to God.

1 The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.

2 **For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.**

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the LORD? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"

4 **"Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**

5 They shall receive a blessing from the LORD *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."

6 **Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

8 **"Who is this King of glory?" *
"The LORD, strong and mighty,
the LORD, mighty in battle."**

9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.

10 **"Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The LORD of hosts,
he is the King of glory."**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 6:14–29

NRSV, p. 918

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

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

*People***Praise be to thee, O Christ.****The Sermon**

The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare

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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.

***Downtown***

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare
Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Lay Preacher: Reid Murchison
Music: Zach Bugg*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Dan MacGill

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Dotty Weathersbee.

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 15-19

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

MONDAY, JULY 15

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

TUESDAY, JULY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

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

THURSDAY, JULY 18

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, JULY 19

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, JULY 20

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JULY 21

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
8:30 AM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
- HOLY BAPTISM
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.

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, August 18, 2024 | 4:00 -6:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel
Save the date! The St. James Bread Breakers' are hosting Hospitality at Home at Mt. Lebanon Chapel!

We invite everyone to bring a side dish and join us at 4:00 p.m. on the designated day to enjoy time together in a family-friendly atmosphere for a potluck-style dinner. Kids, Friends, and Guests are welcome! If you'd like an adult beverage and are of age, please feel free to BYOB.

The Bread Breakers began as a group of families with young children. With this group, you'll find a little chaos and a lot of laughter. Come join the fun, you don't need to have kids to be a part of the community! All are welcome.

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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