



HOLY BAPTISM THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 21 JULY 2024

9:30 A.M.

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

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Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Jeremiah 23:1–6

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 711

Commentary: The prophet Jeremiah pronounced God's judgment against Judah's wicked kings, who were harming His people, rather than tending to them like good shepherds should. After this judgment, the Lord Himself would, as a good shepherd, re-gather the remnant of His people from all the places where they had been driven into exile. Furthermore, Jeremiah prophesied the coming of a future king, who would rise like a shoot from an apparently dead stump, namely, the Davidic line of kings. This messianic King will be characterized by wisdom, justice and righteousness. Under His reign, the people will experience salvation and security, tended by the ultimate Good Shepherd.

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: "The Lord is our righteousness."

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

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

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Robert Hooper

**THE HOLY BAPTISM
OF
CHANNING AMES HOOPER**

Parents
Rob and Katy Hooper

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 Channing Ames Hooper 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 her in her life in Christ?

People **We will.**

Priest Let us join with her who is committing herself 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 Channing 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 Channing, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Channing, 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.

The Peace

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

Welcome and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving — Eucharistic Prayer C

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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

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

Glory to you for ever and ever.

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

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:

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

Celebrant and People

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

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

Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

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Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Communion of the People

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

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.



Downtown

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Guest Organist: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
8:30 Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose
9:30 Preacher: The Reverend Robert Hooper
Music: Tim Ford*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose

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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 bmcmetry@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.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY UNITY BUILD: HOUSEWARMING CELEBRATION

Friday, July 26 | 9:00 a.m. | 1620 Dorsey Lane

This past spring, St. James participated in Cape Fear Habitat for Humanity's Unity Build. Along with several other local faith communities, we've come together to build and rehab two homes for families in need. We are excited to share that the home on 1620 Dorsey Lane is COMPLETE! All are warmly invited to join us as we hand over the keys to the family. Make plans to join us on Friday, July 26th at 9:00 a.m. for a short housewarming celebration.

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 are lots of ways to get involved! We have opportunities for all ages and abilities.

To volunteer, please email christianformation@stjamesp.org.

COME TO THE TABLE: PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS THIS MONTH

RETREAT WEEKEND: September 27-29

REGISTRATION OPENS: Monday, July 22nd

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.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 22-26

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

MONDAY, JULY 22

- 2024 PARISH RETREAT: COME TO THE TABLE - REGISTRATION OPENS
8:00 AM | Online
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JULY 23

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

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

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT SGT. ASHLEY VETERAN'S CENTER
5:00-7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center

FRIDAY, JULY 26

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE
Point of Contact: Brian McMerty
- UNITY BUILD HOUSEWARMING
9:00 AM | 1620 Dorsey Lane

SATURDAY, JULY 27

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, JULY 28

- 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



*To all who are weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort;
to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour;
to all who are idle and look for service; to all who are strangers
and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness;
and to whosoever will come—this church opens wide her doors.*

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