



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

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O God, the protector of all that trust in thee, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us thy mercy; that, thou being our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we finally lose not the things eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Ephesians 3:14–21 p. 1067

Commentary: In his prayer for the Ephesian church, Paul asked that God would strengthen His people through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit. Paul wanted his readers to understand that God's love is broad enough to embrace people from all backgrounds and it can reach those far away as well as those nearby. God's love stretches from eternity to eternity and elevates all believers to the heavenly places. God's love is deep enough to rescue anyone from sin's degradation and Satan's grip. God had brought Jews and Gentiles together in the church and His provision of love enables all believers to function harmoniously as members of the body of Christ.

I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever.

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

1 The fool has said in his heart, "There is no God." *
All are corrupt and commit abominable acts;
there is none who does any good.

2 **The LORD looks down from heaven upon us all, *
to see if there is any who is wise,
if there is one who seeks after God.**

3 Every one has proved faithless;
all alike have turned bad; *
there is none who does good; no, not one.

4 **Have they no knowledge, all those evildoers *
who eat up my people like bread
and do not call upon the LORD?**

5 See how they tremble with fear, *
because God is in the company of the righteous.

6 **Their aim is to confound the plans of the afflicted, *
but the LORD is their refuge.**

7 Oh, that Israel's deliverance would come out of Zion! *
when the LORD restores the fortunes of his people,
Jacob will rejoice and Israel be glad.

The Holy Gospel: John 6:1–21

NRSV, p. 973

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

Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. A large crowd kept following him, because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, "Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?" He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. Philip answered him, "Six months' wages would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little." One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?" Jesus said, "Make the people sit down." Now there was a great deal of grass in the place; so they sat down, about five thousand in all. Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks, he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, "Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost." So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, "This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world."

When Jesus realized that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, he withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

When evening came, his disciples went down to the sea, got into a boat, and started across the sea to Capernaum. It was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. The sea became rough because a strong wind was blowing. When they had rowed about three or four miles, they saw Jesus walking on the sea and coming near the boat, and they were terrified. But he said to them, "It is I; do not be afraid." Then they wanted to take him into the boat, and immediately the boat reached the land toward which they were going.

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

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

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Dr. Nancy Jose

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., JULY 29-AUGUST 2

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SET UP
Select times | All Week

MONDAY, JULY 29

- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, JULY 30

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 1

- CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF
JOHN SULLIVAN
5:30-7:30 PM | City Club | RSVP

FRIDAY, AUGUST 2

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 3

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

- 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.

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.

CELEBRATING THE MINISTRY OF JOHN SULLIVAN

Thursday, August 1 | 5:30-7:30 p.m. | City Club | RSVP

All are warmly invited to attend as we celebrate the ministry of John Sullivan. Join at the City Club as we set aside some time to thank John for his years of kind service to our parish family. We will all miss both his talent and his good heart. Please make plans to enjoy this 2-hour drop-in style event featuring drinks and hors d'oeuvres. If you would like to attend this special event, please use the link online or call the Parish Office (910.763.1628) to RSVP.

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. There are ways for everyone to join the fun as we make plans to Start the Party! Let's celebrate the Good News!

Sign up to Volunteer or Donate 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.

To volunteer, please email christianformation@stjamesp.org.

COME TO THE TABLE: PARISH RETREAT REGISTRATION OPENS THIS MONTH

RETREAT WEEKEND: September 27-29
REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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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