



THE TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 28 JULY 2024
10:15 A.M.

Prelude "If thou but suffer God to guide thee" J.S. Bach
Opening Hymn 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" *Deus tuorum militum*

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355
Collect for Purity p. 355
Gloria in excelsis S280 Robert Powell
The Collect of the Day p. 231

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: Increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may so pass through things temporal, that we lose not the things eternal; 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 11:1–15 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 281

Commentary: Israel was engaged in ongoing warfare with the Ammonites. It was expected that kings would lead their armies into battle but on this occasion David had chosen to remain in Jerusalem. David's temptation followed an age-old pattern: he saw, he desired and he took. Although David was surrounded by many pleasant things he set his heart on that which was forbidden, another man's wife. As a result of their union, Bathsheba became pregnant. David greatly compounded his sin when he tried to cover it up by sending Uriah home to sleep with his wife, but David underestimated faithful Uriah's commitment to his king and his duty. Finally, David sent Uriah back to the battlefield, where he delivered his own death warrant to Joab, the commander of the army.

In the spring of the year, the time when kings go out to battle, David sent Joab with his officers and all Israel with him; they ravaged the Ammonites, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.

It happened, late one afternoon, when David rose from his couch and was walking about on the roof of the king's house, that he saw from the roof a woman bathing; the woman was very beautiful. David sent someone to inquire about the woman. It was reported, "This is Bathsheba daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite." So David sent messengers to get her, and she came to him, and he lay with her. (Now she was purifying herself after her period.) Then she returned to her house. The woman conceived; and she sent and told David, "I am pregnant."

So David sent word to Joab, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David. When Uriah came to him, David asked how Joab and the people fared, and how the war was going. Then David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house, and wash your feet." Uriah went out of the king's house, and there followed him a present from the king. But Uriah slept at the entrance of the king's house with all the servants of his lord, and did not go down to his house. When they told David, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "You have just come from a journey. Why did you not go down to your house?" Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah remain in booths; and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are camping in

the open field; shall I then go to my house, to eat and to drink, and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do such a thing.” Then David said to Uriah, “Remain here today also, and tomorrow I will send you back.” So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day. On the next day, David invited him to eat and drink in his presence and made him drunk; and in the evening he went out to lie on his couch with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.

In the morning David wrote a letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriah. In the letter he wrote, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hardest fighting, and then draw back from him, so that he may be struck down and die.”

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

Psalm 14

read responsively by whole verse

Dixit insipiens

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 Epistle: 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.

Sequence Hymn 455

“O Love of God, how strong and true”

Dunedin

The Holy Gospel: John 6:1–21

NRSV, p. 973

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

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon	The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare
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Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem “Holy Manna” *arr.* Kenneth Lowenberg

Ostinato: Holy manna, holy manna...

Brethren, we are met to worship And adore the Lord our God;
Will you pray with all your power, While we try to preach the Word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;
Brethren, pray, and holy manna Will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely, Let us love each other, too;
Let us love and pray for sinners, Till our God makes all things new.
Then he'll call us home to heaven, At his table we'll sit down;
Christ will gird himself, and serve us With sweet manna all around.

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 C p. 369

Sanctus S129 “Holy, holy, holy Lord” Powell

The Lord’s Prayer p. 364

The Breaking of the Bread p. 364

Fraction Anthem: S152 Mason Martens

The Communion of the People *Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

Communion Hymns

Hymn 301	“Bread of the world, in mercy broken”	<i>Rendez à Dieu</i>
Hymn 321	“My God, thy table now is spread”	<i>Rockingham</i>
Hymn 574	“Before thy throne, O God, we kneel”	<i>St. Petersburg</i>

The Postcommunion Prayer

p. 365

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

Closing Hymn 635

“If thou but trust in God to guide thee”

Wer nur den lieben Gott

The Dismissal

p. 366

Postlude

“Rigaudon”

Andre Campra



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

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