



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 4 AUGUST 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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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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O Lord, we beseech thee, let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church, and, because it cannot continue in safety without thy succor, preserve it evermore by thy help and goodness; 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 4:1-16

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 1068

Commentary: Previously Paul prayed that God would strengthen and unify the Ephesians through the power of the indwelling Holy Spirit, and now he described what that unity looked like. Three virtues contribute to unity within the church: humility, gentleness and patience. The essence of unity is that all believers acknowledge one Lord, Jesus Christ, the head of the church. The unity of the church is due to God's reconciling grace. The diversity of the church is due to the gifts God distributes to church members. Everyone contributes to the spiritual growth of the church as they use their particular abilities in service to God and to others.

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said, "When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 51:1–13*read responsively by whole verse**Miserere mei, Deus*

1 Have mercy on me, O God,
according to your loving-kindness; *
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

**2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness *
and cleanse me from my sin.**

3 For I know my transgressions, *
and my sin is ever before me.

**4 Against you only have I sinned *
and done what is evil in your sight.**

5 And so you are justified when you speak *
and upright in your judgment.

**6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, *
a sinner from my mother's womb.**

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, *
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

**8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; *
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.**

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, *
that the body you have broken may rejoice.

**10 Hide your face from my sins *
and blot out all my iniquities.**

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, *
and renew a right spirit within me.

**12 Cast me not away from your presence *
and take not your holy Spirit from me.**

13 Give me the joy of your saving help again *
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

The Holy Gospel: John 6:24–35*NRSV, p. 974*

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

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

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.****The Sermon***Carla Shores, Aspirant for Holy Orders***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.

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: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.**Preacher: Carla Shores, Aspirant for Holy Orders**Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser****Mt. Lebanon Chapel****Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon**Preacher: The Reverend Doug Hodsdon**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
Alice J. and Thomas B. Grainger*

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUGUST 5-9

- MORNING PRAYER
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM | Aug. 5-8 | Regst. Req.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor and Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room
- VIVACE! PARTICIPANT CONCERT
7:30 PM | St. James Church

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

- MEN ON A MISSION SERVE AT GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:40 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
8:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- VIVACE! PARTICIPANT CONCERT
7:30 PM | St. James Church

THURSDAY, AUGUST 8

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 9

- MEN ON A MISSION: CARING FOR A SAFE PLACE
8:00 - 11:00 AM | Sign Up for Directions
- VIVACE! PARTICIPANT CONCERT
1:00 PM | St. James Church

SATURDAY, AUGUST 10

- VIVACE! PARTICIPANT CONCERT
1:00 PM | St. James Church

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

- 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!

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN GATHERING

Wednesday, August 14 | All Day | Trinity Center

Registration Deadline August 7

The Episcopal Diocese of East Carolina ECW hope you can join us for our August Gathering at the Trinity Center. We will be screening the documentary, *The Philadelphia Eleven*, as we celebrate women in the Episcopal Church. The Rev. Tambria Lee will moderate our discussion and celebrate Eucharist. Please forward and share this email with your fellow churchwomen. You can register online for meeting and accommodations. The price for the meeting, lunch and screening is \$35. If you would like to spend Tuesday night, we have a block of rooms and the rate is:

- Single room - includes dinner, breakfast, meeting and lunch \$145.00
- Double room - includes dinner, breakfast, meeting and lunch \$125.00

Contact Mary Duane Hale at 252-723-3601 or email ecndioceeseastcarolina@gmail.com.

For our St. James Parish ECW leader, please reach out to Karen Clark at clarklc11@gmail.com.

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!

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/

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.

VIVACE! PARTICIPANT CONCERTS

The Vivace Music Festival is returning to Wilmington this summer and St. James is once again hosting musicians as they practice. We will also be the host for several free community concerts. All are warmly invited to enjoy music from Vivace's talented participants, and the programs will embrace a great variety of solo and chamber works for piano, violin and cello.

Join us at St. James Parish in the church for concerts on:

August 5, 7:30 pm	August 9, 1:00 pm
August 7, 7:30 pm	August 10, 1:00 pm

You can learn more about the Vivace Music Festival at vivacemusicfoundation.org.

MEN ON A MISSION:

CARING FOR A SAFE PLACE

Upcoming Dates August 9 & 23 | 8:00 -11:00 a.m.

The St. James Men on a Mission are hard at work and taking on a new ongoing service project. Every other Friday, the MoM Squad will bring a group of guys to A Safe Place to help with landscaping and yard maintenance. If you are interested in joining this special group, please reach out to Brian McMerty at bmcmetry@arris.partners.

COME TO THE TABLE: PARISH RETREAT

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. 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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