



THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 11 AUGUST 2024

10:15 A.M.

Prelude "Adagio" *from Symphony No.5, Op. 42* Charles-Marie Widor

Opening Hymn 390 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" *Lobe den Herren*

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. 232

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 289

Commentary: The long-term consequences of David's shortsighted, lustful sin (see 2 Samuel 11:1-17) continued to unfold when David's son Absalom rebelled against his father, plunging Israel into civil war. Now, David's army engaged Absalom's forces in a particularly inhospitable forest. Absalom's head, or more likely his hair, became entangled in a tree so that he was literally left hanging. Despite David's plea that his soldiers deal gently with Absalom, he was killed by Joab and his men. When David was told of Absalom's death, he responded like a father, not a king, and retreated to a private room to mourn for his son.

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

With the LORD there is mer - cy and plen - teous re - demp - tion.

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;
LORD, hear my / **voice**; *
let your ears consider well the voice of my suppli-/ **cation**.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done a-/ **miss**, *
O LORD, who could / **stand**?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with / **you**; *
therefore you shall be / **feared**.

ANTIPHON

- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul / **waits for him**; *
in his word is my / **hope**.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,
more than watchmen for the / **morning**, *
more than watchmen for the / **morning**.

ANTIPHON

- 6 O Israel, wait for the / **LORD**, *
for with the LORD there is / **mercy**;
- 7 With him there is plenteous re-/ **demption**, *
and he shall redeem Israel from all their / **sins**.

ANTIPHON**The Epistle: Ephesians 4:25–5:2**

p. 1068

Commentary: Paul previously stressed the importance of unity within the church. In this passage, Paul turned to the equally important matter of living in holiness. These verses contain five exhortations regarding appropriate Christian conduct. First is to speak truth, because truthful speech is essential to unity within the body. Second is to avoid sinning when angry. Third is to refrain from stealing and work instead, in order to have something to share with the needy. Fourth is to speak, and do, good things. Careless, unkind words disrupt unity and grieve the Holy Spirit. Fifth is to get rid of vices and in their place adopt virtues. As children naturally imitate their parents, so children of God should imitate their heavenly Father's gracious attitudes and generous actions toward us.

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.**Sequence Hymn 51**

"We the Lord's people"

Decatur Place

The Holy Gospel: John 6:35, 41–51

NRSV, p. 974

People

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

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

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

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Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem "A Clare Benediction" John Rutter

May the Lord show his mercy upon you;
may the light of his presence be your guide:
May he guard you and uphold you;
may his spirit be ever by your side.

When you sleep may his angels watch over you;
when you wake may he fill you with his grace:
May you love him and serve him all your days
Then in heaven may you see his face.

May the Lord's loving kindness surround you;
keep you safe as you journey on your way:
May he lead you and inspire you
as he grants you the gift of each new day.

May he bless all your loved ones and cherish them;
Ev'ry friend, ev'ry stranger at your door:
In the name of his Son our Saviour Christ
May God bless you now and evermore

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 A p. 361

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 325	“Let us break bread together on our knees”	<i>Let Us Break Bread</i>
Hymn 341	“For the bread which you have broken”	<i>Omni die</i>
Hymn 333	“Now the silence Now the peace”	<i>Now</i>

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

Closing Hymn 302

“Father, we thank thee who hast planted”

Rendez à Dieu

The Dismissal

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Postlude

Postlude on “Old Hundredth”

Fred Bock

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUGUST 12-16

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 12

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 13

- PARISH OFFICE CLOSED - STAFF
RETREAT AND CONTINUING ED.
All Day

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 14

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
8:00 AM | 16th St. Starbucks

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 15

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 16

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 17

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

- 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

- BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT
MT. LEBANON CHAPEL
4:00 - 6:00 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel | RSVP



Downtown

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Beth Lilly
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Music: Zach Bugg

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 James G. & Louise D. Cotchett

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