



HOLY BAPTISM

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024

9:30 A.M.

Cwm Rhondda

Opening Hymn 594

“God of grace and God of glory”

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 299

*Celebrant
People*

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
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.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 301

Commentary: David reigned for seven years over Judah and thirty-three years over Israel. David was far from perfect, but his great desire was to please God and he experienced God's blessing. When David's son Solomon ascended to Israel's throne, he had a strong foundation on which to build. Solomon was dedicated to the Lord, who responded to Solomon's allegiance with a revelation of Himself in a dream. God's offer was a test for Solomon: would he request something for his own glory, or for God's glory? Solomon showed his heart for God, and acknowledged that only with God's help could he serve Israel well. God promised to bless Solomon for honoring the Lord above himself. In addition, Solomon received much more than he asked from God's gracious hand.

David slept with his ancestors, and was buried in the city of David. The time that David reigned over Israel was forty years; he reigned seven years in Hebron, and thirty-three years in Jerusalem. So Solomon sat on the throne of his father David; and his kingdom was firmly established.

Solomon loved the LORD, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?" It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John 6:51–58

NRSV, p. 975

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

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

Jesus said, "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." The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?" So Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

THE HOLY BAPTISM
OF
KEELEY SUMMER KABIGTING
Parents
Jeffrey & Lynn Kabigting

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 Keeley Summer Kabigting 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 Keely 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 Keeley 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 Keeley, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Keeley, 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 A

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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

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here, a proper preface is said, then the Celebrant continues...

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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:

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

The Lord's Prayer

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 C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham
Music: Zach Bugg*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Beth Lilly

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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!

BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT MT. LEBANON CHAPEL

Sunday, August 18 | 4:00-6:00 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel / RSVP online

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER GATHERING

Monday, August 26 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

Mark your calendars! St. James Children's Ministries (3yr-5th grade) Sunday School Teachers will be having a meeting on Monday, August 26th. Even if you have never volunteered before, we'd love to have you join our Children's Ministries Program. Whether it's been a few years or you just finished another great program year with us, all are encouraged to attend our Sunday School Teacher Meeting! We want this to be a fun year, and need your help to make it happen. Please email Taber Stockstill-Tornes at childrensministries@stjamesp.org for more information or if you have any questions about our Sunday School Children's Program.

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.

SACRED GROUND INFO SESSION

Wednesday, August 21 | 7:00 p.m. | Zoom

All are invited to join in for a new offering of Sacred Ground. Rev. Deacon Rhonda Thomas and Steve Thomas will be leading this special 11-week course later this fall. Come join the information session on Wednesday, August 21st to learn more about Sacred Ground. Sacred Ground is a film and readings-based dialogue series on race, grounded in faith. Have questions about this program? Please contact revdeaconrhonda@gmail.com or stevethomas@live.com.

MEN ON A MISSION:

SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE

Upcoming Date: August 23 | 8:00 -11:00 a.m.

The St. James Men on a Mission continue to expand their services to our community. Every other week a MoM Squad will work at the A Safe Place to Go shelter that houses victims of human trafficking to make the shelter a nicer place. If you are interested in participating in this service ministry, please contact Brian McMerty at bmmerty@arris.partners.

WELCOME SUNDAY & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

Sunday, September 8 | St. James Parish

Make plans to be in town on Sunday, September 8th. Our Parish family will be reuniting downtown for Welcome Sunday. This special morning together will include a ministry fair, a time for fellowship, and the Blessing of the Backpacks.

TELLING YOUR STORY: GUIDED

AUTOBIOGRAPHY RETURNS

Begins Tuesday, September 10 | 9:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

This Fall, at St. James, Mary McKnight, a retired Presbyterian pastor, will be offering Guided Autobiography for 7 weeks in the Fall. From experience, she knows that being in a Guided Autobiography group can be a rich and very meaningful experience. Visit the St. James website to learn more.

SPEAKER SERIES: WHY WE NEED EACH OTHER - WHAT CHRISTIAN FAITH OFFERS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE

*Wednesday, September 18 | First Presbyterian Church
6:30 p.m. Reception | 7:00 p.m. Program | | RSVP Requested*

St. James and First Presbyterian are once again joining forces to share a wonderful speaker opportunity with our community. Join psychiatrist and theologian Dr. Warren Kinghorn for a conversation about how we can move from isolation and loneliness to connection and belonging. All are warmly welcome! This event is free. RSVP's are highly encouraged if you plan to attend the 6:30 p.m. Reception. The Plenary & Conversation will begin at 7:00 p.m.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUGUST 19-23

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 19

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor & Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30-7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- SACRED GROUND INFO SESSION
7:00 PM | Zoom

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
A SAFE PLACE
8:00 -11:00 AM | A Safe Place

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

- 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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