

THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024

10:15 A.M.

Prelude	Variations on “Adoro Te, Devote”	Dale Wood
Opening Hymn 665	“All my hope on God is founded”	Michael

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

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 First 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

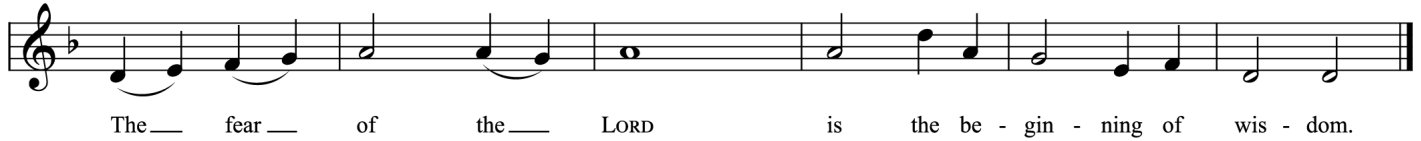
understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honor all your life; no other king shall compare 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.”

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

Psalm 111

Antiphon the antiphon is first sung by the Cantor, then repeated by all

Confitebor tibi



1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my / **whole heart**, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congre-/ **gation**.

2 Great are the deeds of the / **LORD!** *
they are studied by all who de-/ **light in them**.

ANTIPHON

3 His work is full of majesty and / **splendor**, *
and his righteousness endures for / **ever**.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be re-/ **membered**; *
the LORD is gracious and full of com-/ **passion**.

ANTIPHON

5 He gives food to those who / **fear him**; *
he is ever mindful of his / **covenant**.

6 He has shown his people the power of his / **works** *
in giving them the lands of the / **nations**.

ANTIPHON

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and / **justice**; *
all his commandments are / **sure**.

8 They stand fast for ever and / **ever**, *
because they are done in truth and / **equity**.

ANTIPHON

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for / **ever**; *
holy and awesome is his / **Name**.

10 The fear of the LORD is the beginning of / **wisdom**; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for / **ever**.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: Ephesians 5:15–20

p. 1069

Commentary: In the preceding verses, Paul urged his readers to walk in love and as children of the light. In this passage, the emphasis is on walking in wisdom. Living wisely means making use of every opportunity to please and glorify God. The unwise simply lack wisdom, but the foolish behave contrary to what they know to be right. Wise people not only make the most of their time, they also seek to discern and follow God's will, welcoming the moment-by-moment guidance of the Holy Spirit. People directed by God's Spirit are joyful and they are thankful.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

Sequence Hymn 488

“Be thou my vision”

Slane

The Holy Gospel: John 6:51–58

NRSV, p. 975

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

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

The Sermon	The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
The Nicene Creed	p. 358
Prayers of the People - Form III	p. 387
Confession of Sin and Absolution	p. 360
The Peace	p. 360
Welcome and Announcements	

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem	"For the Bread"	V. Earle Copes
1. For the bread which you have broken, for the wine which you have poured, for the words which you have spoken, now we give you thanks, O Lord.	3. With our sainted ones in glory seated at the heavenly board, may the church that's waiting for you keep love's tie unbroken, Lord.	
2. By this pledge that you do love us, by your gift of peace restored, by your call to heaven above us, hallow all our lives, O Lord.	4. In your service, Lord, defend us, in our hearts keep watch and ward; in the world where you have sent us, let your kingdom come, O Lord.	

Presentation Hymn 380	<i>third stanza only</i>	<i>Old 100th</i>
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	<i>Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.</i>	

Communion Hymns

Hymn 402	“Let all the world in every corner sing”	<i>Augustine</i>
Hymn 554	“’Tis the gift to be simple”	<i>Simple Gifts</i>
Hymn 644	“How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds”	<i>St. Peter</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 594

“God of grace and God of glory”

Cwm Rhondda

The Dismissal

p. 366

Postlude

“St. Anthony Chorale”

Johannes Brahms



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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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

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