



THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 18 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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Almighty God, who hast given thy only Son to be unto us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: Give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive that his inestimable benefit, and also daily endeavor ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee 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.

Psalm 111

read responsively by whole verse

Confitebor tibi

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the LORD! *

they are studied by all who delight in them.

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

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the LORD is gracious and full of compassion.

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.**

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.**

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.**

The Holy Gospel: John 6:51–58

NRSV, p. 975

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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 be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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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 & 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

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Jo Oakley

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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

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 bmcmerty@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.

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