



# THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 18 AUGUST 2024

8:30 A.M.

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen**

### The Collect for Purity

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

### Kyrie

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Lord, have mercy.                      **Christ, have mercy.**                      Lord, have mercy.

### The Collect of the Day

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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."

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

### **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 Jay Sidebotham

### **The Nicene Creed**

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**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

### **Prayers of the People - Form IV**

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*The response to each petition:*

...Lord, in your mercy;           **Hear our prayer.**

### **Confession of Sin and Absolution**

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*The Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Celebrant and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**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**

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**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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## 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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