



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I

SUNDAY 25 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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Grant, we beseech thee, merciful God, that thy Church, being gathered together in unity by thy Holy Spirit, may manifest thy power among all peoples, to the glory of thy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lesson: 1 Kings 8:22–30, 41–43

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 308

Commentary: Perhaps Solomon's greatest contribution to Israel's life was the building of a magnificent temple to the glory of God. Now it was time to dedicate the temple. The ark of the covenant was installed in the most holy place, symbolizing the enthronement of God as Israel's true king. Solomon led the prayer of dedication for the temple and he began by emphasizing God's past faithfulness to Israel. Solomon asked that God would continue to hear the prayers of His people and would show them mercy. In addition, Solomon prayed for God's grace on everyone who seeks to draw close to the Lord.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.”

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 84

read responsively by whole verse

Quam dilecta!

1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! *

My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

2 **The sparrow has found her a house**

and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; *
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,
my King and my God.

3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! *

they will always be praising you.

4 **Happy are the people whose strength is in you! ***

whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.

5 Those who go through the desolate valley

will find it a place of springs, *
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.

6 **They will climb from height to height, ***

and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.

7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; *
hearken, O God of Jacob.

8 **Behold our defender, O God; ***

and look upon the face of your Anointed.

9 For one day in your courts is better than

a thousand in my own room, *

and to stand at the threshold

of the house of my God

than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 **For the LORD God is both sun and shield; ***

he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold *

from those who walk with integrity.

12 **O LORD of hosts, ***

happy are they who put their trust in you!

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56–69

NRSV, p. 975

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

People

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said, “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.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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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.

The Communion of the People	<i>Gluten-free wafers available upon request</i>	p. 338
Prayer of Thanksgiving	<i>in unison</i>	p. 339

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.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 524 "I love thy kingdom, Lord" *St. Thomas*

The Dismissal p. 340



Downtown

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham
Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Music: Tim Ford*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Alan Howard Bede

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., AUGUST 26-30

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

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

- CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES: SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER MEETING
7:00 PM | Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

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

THURSDAY, AUGUST 29

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

FRIDAY, AUGUST 30

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SATURDAY, AUGUST 31

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

- 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! Come enjoy fellowship following the 9:30 service at Mt. Lebanon Chapel. We'd love to see you!

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.

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. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks, school bags, or lunch boxes to worship. The 10:15 a.m. service on Welcome Sunday will include a special blessing lifting up children and students of all ages, dedicating them to God's glory as we begin a new school year. We also invite teachers, aides, principals, administrators, secretaries, cafeteria workers, librarians, janitors, and bus drivers... come to church to be blessed, affirmed in your vocation, and encouraged as you serve children and families in your daily work!

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.

ADULT CHOIR RETURNS

Begins Thursday, September 5 | 7:00 p.m. | Choir Room

All who are interested are warmly invited to join the St. James Choir for our weekly evening practice. Remember when you sing for church you pray twice. And the Lord says make a joyful noise! So come join the fun in the choir room—we always have an extra chair! Want to learn more about joining the St. James Choir? Please reach out to our Interim Director of Music, Dr. Bill Weisser at music.director@stjamesp.org.

EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY: REGISTER NOW

Tuesdays or Thursdays | This Fall | Registration Required

The Education for Ministry (EfM) Tuesday morning EfM is a 4-year program taken one year at a time. This program has been provided through the School of Theology in Sewanee, TN for nearly 50 years. It helps participants explore and deepen their Christian belief through study of the Bible, Christian history, and theology. We examine our own beliefs and reflect on applying scripture to our everyday lives. The goal is to deepen our faith and to discover how to express it in service to others. To learn more about EfM and the Tuesday morning program contact Rachel Pace at rppace@hotmail.com, prior to our first class on September 10th and she will help you register for the course. To learn more about the Thursday evening program, contact Karen Clark at clarklc11@gmail.com.

TELLING YOUR STORY: GUIDED

AUTOBIOGRAPHY RETURNS

Begins Tuesday, September 10 | 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. | Regis. Req. | St. James Parish

Mary McKnight, a retired Presbyterian pastor, will be offering Guided Autobiography for 7 weeks (September 10, 17, 24 and October 1, 8, 15, 22) 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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