



THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 25 AUGUST 2024
8:30 A.M. & 9:30 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

p. 355

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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: Ephesians 6:10–20

p. 1069

Commentary: Earlier in Ephesians, Paul encouraged strength and unity within the body of Christ and now he explained the need and reason for this: the church is at war with a spiritual enemy. Anyone who wants to obey God and resist the devil can expect a struggle. To be strong in the Lord, human cooperation must be combined with divine enabling. God provides the armor, but the believer has to put it on. The armor of God is designed for offensive and defensive use. Successful spiritual warfare is undergirded with prayer; the best preparation for spiritual battles is constant prayer. Paul appreciated and relied on the power of prayer, asking his readers to pray for the effectiveness of his witness and ministry.

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Holy Gospel: John 6:56–69

NRSV, p. 975

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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

p. 366

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



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

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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

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