



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2024

10:15 A.M.

Prelude	“Adagio and Andante” <i>from Concerto I</i>	G. F. Handel
Opening Hymn 414	“God, my King, thy might confessing”	<i>Stuttgart</i>

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. 233

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Lesson: Song of Solomon 2:8–13 The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 612

Commentary: Solomon was known for his wealth, his wisdom and the building of a magnificent temple to the glory of God. He was also a poet and possibly wrote the Song of Solomon while a young man. This book consists of several brief poems, or it may be a single love poem made up of connected poetic paragraphs. The Song of Solomon deals primarily with the subject of human love and marriage and it recalls the ideal conditions found in the Garden of Eden before the Fall. In this passage, a girl anticipates a visit from her young lover. The description of the countryside through which they walk is as evocative of a feeling as it is of the springtime season.

The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes, leaping upon the mountains, bounding over the hills.

My beloved is like a gazelle or a young stag.

Look, there he stands behind our wall, gazing in at the windows, looking through the lattice.

My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away; for now the winter is past, the rain is over and gone.

The flowers appear on the earth; the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove

is heard in our land. The fig tree puts forth its figs, and the vines are in blossom;

they give forth fragrance. Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.”

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

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

Your throne, O God en - dures for — ev - er — and ev - er.

1 My heart is stirring with a noble song;
let me recite what I have fashioned for the / **king**; *
my tongue shall be the pen of a skilled / **writer**.

2 You are the fairest of / **men**; *
grace flows from your lips,
because God has blessed you for / **ever**.

ANTIPHON

7 Your throne, O God, endures for ever and / **ever**, *
a scepter of righteousness is the scepter
of your kingdom;
you love righteousness and hate i-/ **niquity**.

8 Therefore God, your God, has a-/ **nointed you** *
with the oil of gladness above your / **fellows**.

ANTIPHON

9 All your garments are fragrant with myrrh, aloes, and / **cassia**, *
and the music of strings from ivory palaces makes you / **glad**.

10 Kings' daughters stand among the ladies of the / **court**; *
on your right hand is the queen,
adorned with the gold of / **Ophir**.

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: James 1:17–27

p. 1102

Commentary: The purpose of James' letter was to exhort believers toward Christian maturity and holiness of life. To that end, this letter deals more with the practice of the Christian faith than with its precepts. Every act of gift giving, every perfect gift, has its source in God, and the greatest of God's gifts is new life in Jesus Christ. James advised silence and calm over complaining and anger in order to grow in righteousness. Not only are believers to listen to the Word, they are to put into practice what they profess to believe. The law of God is perfect and it is a law of liberty, because in obedience is found true freedom. Consistent commitment to God, obedience to His Word, love for others and holy living are hallmarks of genuine religion.

Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 291

“We plow the fields, and scatter”

Wir pflügen

The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23

NRSV, p. 919

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

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

When the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around him, they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. (For the

Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles.) So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

“This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.’ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.” For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

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

The Sermon	The Reverend Beth Lilly
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	<i>Antiphonal Psalm</i>	Hal Hopson
Praise the Lord! Praise Him in the sanctuary. Praise Him! Praise Him for the glory of the sky. Praise Him according to His greatness. Praise Him with trumpet sound. Praise Him with the lute and harp. Praise Him! Praise Him with drums and dance. Praise Him with strings and flute. Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals. Join everything that breathes. Praise the Lord! Praise Him! Praise the Lord! Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise Him!		

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. Amen.		

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 707	“Take my life, and let it be”	<i>Hollingside</i>
Hymn 660	“O Master let me walk with thee”	<i>Maryton</i>
Hymn 656	“Blest are the pure in heart”	<i>Franconia</i>

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 541

“Come, labor on”

Ora Labora

The Dismissal

p. 366

Postlude

Trumpet in Dialogue

L. N. Clerambault

Downtown

*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Beth Lilly
Guest Organist: Lisa Nichol*

Mt. Lebanon Chapel

*Celebrant: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.
Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon
Music: Steve Mueller*

St. Mary's, Burgaw

Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Bill Milholland

The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Paul Ingle & William Hale

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THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 2-6

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

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2
LABOR DAY**

- ST. JAMES PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
All Day
- MORNING PRAYER ON LABOR DAY
8:00 AM | Zoom
- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor & Zoom
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

- ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE
10:00 - 11:30 AM | SJDS
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER
4:30 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- ST. JAMES DAY SCHOOL - FIRST DAY
OF SCHOOL
8:30 AM - 12:30 PM | SJDS
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

- HAPPENING #81 TEAM
REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY
All Day | Diocesan Website
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A
SAFE PLACE
8:00 - 11:00 AM

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

WELCOME SUNDAY

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- WELCOME SUNDAY BREAKFAST
8:30 - 9:45 AM | Great Hall
- ST. JAMES PARISH SHOP OPEN
8:30 - 11:30 AM | Parish Shop
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
9:15 - 10:00 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II &
BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- MINISTRY FAIR & CELEBRATION ON
THE LAWN
11:30 AM | St. James Parish
- SJP YOUTH & PARENTS GATHERING
5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

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