



THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

SUNDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 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.

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 Lesson: 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.**

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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

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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People Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

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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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