



# THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Adoration

Florence Price

Processional Hymn

“All are welcome”

Two Oaks



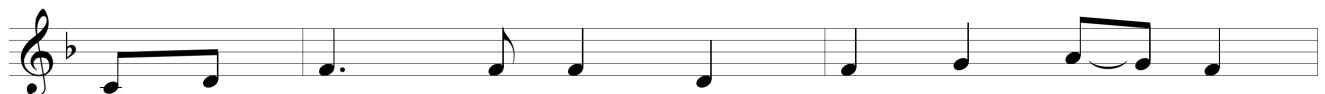
1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly — live,  
 2 Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and true,  
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and wheat:  
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and stone  
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions heard



1 a — place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give.  
 2 where all God's chil - dren dare to — seek to — dream God's reign a - new.  
 3 a — ban - quet hall on ho - ly — ground, where peace and jus - tice meet.  
 4 to — heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and live the Word they've known.  
 5 and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as — words with - in the Word.



1 Built of hopes and dreams and vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
 2 Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace;  
 3 Here the love of God through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space;  
 4 Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face;  
 5 Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



1 here the love of Christ shall end di - vi - sions:  
 2 here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus:  
 3 as we share in Christ the feast that frees — us:  
 4 let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:  
 5 Let this house pro - claim from floor and raft - er:

Refrain:



All are wel - come, all are wel - come; all are wel - come in this place. —

## THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 355

*Celebrant*  
*People*

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

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.**

## A Song of Praise: S236

"Glory to you"

John Rutter

Glo - ry to you, Lord God of our fa - thers; —  
 — you are wor - thy of praise; glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to  
 you for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er. Glo - ry to you  
 — in the splen - dor of your tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to  
 you. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed be - tween the Cher - u -  
 bim; we will praise you and high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.  
 Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the depths; in the  
 high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to you. Glo - ry to you,  
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will praise you and  
 high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**The First Lesson: Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23**

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 592

*Commentary: The Book of Proverbs is about godly wisdom, how to get it and how to use it. Primary authorship of this book is attributed to King Solomon with contributions from other authors, named and unnamed. Written mainly for instruction, proverbs are theological and pragmatic principles, not to be confused with promises. They often use contrasts, comparisons and repetition to make their points. This passage is illustrative of the wide variety of topics contained within the Book of Proverbs.*

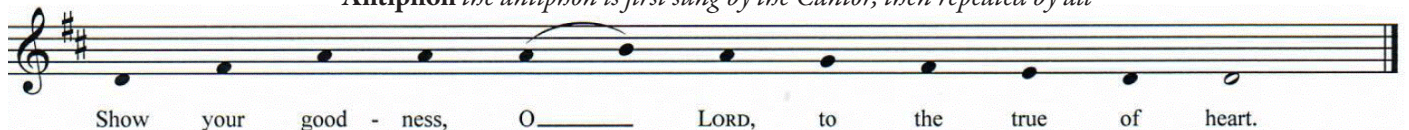
A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favour is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

**Psalm 125**

*Qui confidunt*

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



- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount / **Zion**, \*  
 which cannot be moved, but stands fast for / **ever**.
- 2 The hills stand about Je- / **rusalem**; \*  
 so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
 from this time forth for ever- / **more**.
- ANTIPHON**
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway  
 over the land allotted to the / **just**, \*  
 so that the just shall not put their hands to / **evil**.

- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are / **good** \*  
 and to those who are / **true of heart**.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
 the LORD will lead them away with the evil- / **doers**; \*  
**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: James 2:1-10, 14-17**

p. 1102

*Commentary: James continued to urge his readers to grow in Christian maturity and holiness through the practice of their faith. In this passage, James dealt with the problem of favoritism, a manifestation of inconsistent love for other people. James' advice was to treat every individual, regardless of circumstances, as we would treat ourselves. Showing favoritism breaks the fundamental law of love for neighbor. Obedience to God's law cannot be selective because the entire law expressed God's will for His people. Hearing God's word and talking about God's word cannot substitute for doing God's word. Christians are not saved by good works, they are saved for good works.*

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

The Word of the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**

*During the Sequence Hymn, the children proceed to the Children's Chapel*

**Sequence Hymn 628**

“Help us, O Lord, to learn the truths”

*St. Ethelwald*

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 7:24–37**

*NRSV, p. 901*

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

*People*

**Glorify to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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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*Celebrant and People*

**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

*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.

*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, Announcements, and Blessing of the Backpacks

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

#### Offertory Anthem

“With a voice of singing”

Martin Shaw

With a voice of singing declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!  
Utter it even unto the ends of the earth. The Lord hath delivered His people, Alleluia!  
O be joyful in God, all ye lands.  
O sing praises to the honor of His name, make His praise to be glorious.  
With a voice of singing, declare ye this, and let it be heard, Alleluia!

#### Presentation Hymn 618

“Ye watchers and ye holy ones” *fourth stanza only*

*Lasst uns erfreuen*

O friends, in glad-ness let us sing, su-per-nal an-thems ech-o-ing,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! To  
God the Fa-ther, God the Son, and God the Spi-rit, Three in One,  
Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia,  
lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!



*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*

**Sanctus: S125**

“Holy, holy, holy Lord”

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*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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**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The Breaking of the Bread

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### Fraction Anthem: S152

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.



*People* There-fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

## The Communion of the People

*Gluten-free wafers are available at the main altar upon request.*

### Communion Hymns

Hymn 602 “Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love” *Chereponi*

Hymn 685 “Where cross the crowded ways of life” *Gardiner*

Hymn 603 “When Christ was lifted from the earth” *St. Botolph*

## 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

Closing Hymn 556 “Rejoice, ye pure in heart” *Coronation*

## The Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude *Pisgah* Dale Wood



*Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon  
Preacher: The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.  
Interim Director of Music: The Reverend Dr. William J. Weisser  
Children’s Chapel: Taber Stockstill-Tornes*

*The flowers at the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Llewellyn Cardiff Oakley, Jr., Mary Agnes Herring Oakley, Joseph Stanley Peck, Mary Fraser McCollum Peck, Mary Jo Oakley*

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# TODAY AT ST. JAMES

## WELCOME SUNDAY & MORE

*Sunday, September 8 | St. James Parish*

Our Parish family will be reuniting downtown for Welcome Sunday. This special morning together will include a **Welcome Sunday Breakfast**, and the **Blessing of the Backpacks**, and a **Ministry Fair**. Students of all ages are invited to bring their backpacks or school bags 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.

# NEXT SUNDAY

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

*Sunday, September 15 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish*

### • **Introducing Life in Community: Joint Sessions of Adult Faith Formation**

*Speaker: The Rev. Gray Hodsdon*

All are invited to join us in the Great Hall as we introduce "Life in Community" and our plans for a robust Faith Formation year ahead.

### • **St. James Youth, Faith & Friends**

Middle and High School Youth are invited to join us in the Youth Room for a Sunday morning full of faith, friends, and youth driven discussion.

### • **Sunday School (ages 3 - 5th Grade)**

Join us on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall as we help our students grow with age appropriate expressions of faith in a safe and happy environment.

## LET US KNOW!

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](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your information.

# THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

## MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 9-13

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

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

- VESTRY MEETING  
5:15 PM | Graham Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.  
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- HAPPENING #81 TEAM  
REGISTRATION DEADLINE TODAY  
All Day | Diocesan Web site
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH  
GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- COHI CONTINUING EDUCATION  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11

- MORNING PRAYER ON 9/11  
8:00-8:30 AM | Zoom
- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:  
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11:00 AM | Graham Parlor
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

## THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

## FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

## SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15

- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE I  
8:00 AM | St. James Parish
- FAMILY BREAKFAST  
8:30 - 9:00 AM | Great Hall
- ST. JAMES PARISH SHOP OPEN  
8:30 - 11:30 AM | Parish Shop
- FAITH FORMATION & SUNDAY  
SCHOOL HOUR  
9:10 - 10:00 AM | St. James Parish
- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
9:15 - 10:00 AM | Choir Room
- HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II  
10:15 AM | St. James Parish & Online
- HOSPITALITY: LEMONADE & COOKIES  
11:30 AM | St. James Parish Lawn
- GREETER TRAINING  
11:30 AM | St. James Parish Church
- IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH  
5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall
- IMPACT! HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH  
7:00 - 8:00 PM | Perry Hall

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