



# THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

*Reverie*

William Grant Still

Processional Hymn 525

“The Church’s one foundation”

*Aurelia*

## 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.**

Collect for Purity

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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.

### The Collect of the Day

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*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 1:20–33

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 573

*Commentary: Much of the Book of Proverbs consists of concise couplets using contrasts and comparisons to make their points about obtaining and using godly wisdom. The book also contains longer, narrative sections extolling the virtues of wisdom. In this passage, Wisdom herself is personified and introduced. Her call comes to all sorts of people engaged in the activities of everyday life. Each person must choose whether or not to respond to Wisdom's call. Wisdom laughs at the absurdity of choosing folly rather than heeding her summons. She warns that the foolish risk destruction, while those who respond to her call live in peace.*

Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice. At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks: "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge? Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you. Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded, and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof, I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you, when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you. Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me. Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof, therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices. For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them; but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

The Word of the Lord.

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



1 The heavens declare the glory of / **God**, \*  
and the firmament shows his / **handiwork**.

2 One day tells its tale to a- / **nother**, \*  
and one night imparts knowledge to a- / **nother**.

3 Although they have no words or / **language**, \*  
and their voices are not / **heard**,

4 Their sound has gone out into all / **lands**, \*  
and their message to the ends of the / **world**.

**ANTIPHON**

5 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the / **sun**; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its / **course**.

6 It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens  
and runs about to the end of it / **again**; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning / **heat**.

**ANTIPHON**

7 The law of the LORD is perfect  
and revives the / **soul**; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure  
and gives wisdom to the / **innocent**.

8 The statutes of the LORD are just  
and rejoice the / **heart**; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear  
and gives light to the / **eyes**.

**ANTIPHON**

9 The fear of the LORD is clean  
and endures for / **ever**; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true  
and righteous alto- / **gether**.

10 More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much / **fine gold**, \*  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the / **comb**.

**ANTIPHON**

11 By them also is your servant en- / **lightened**, \*  
and in keeping them there is great re- / **ward**.

12 Who can tell how often he of- / **fends**? \*  
cleans me from my secret / **faults**.

**ANTIPHON**

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion / **over me**; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great of- / **fense**.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my  
heart be acceptable in your / **sight**, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my re- / **deemer**.

**ANTIPHON**

**The Epistle: James 3:1–12**

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*Commentary: In the second chapter of his letter, James highlighted the problem of idle, inconsistent faith and in these verses, his subject is careless, damaging speech. The tongue is the hardest part of the body to control, so those who speak much are liable to err much in their speech. Though small and seemingly insignificant, the tongue, like the bit or rudder, can exert great influence out of all proportion to its size. Apart from the Holy Spirit's help, no one has been able to subdue the tongue. The tongue is also contradictory, used to praise God as well as to curse other people.*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue — a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 8:27–38**

NRSV, p. 921

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

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

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that I am?” And they answered him, “John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.” He asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Messiah.” And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

**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 Bible Presentation for 4<sup>th</sup> Graders**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

**Offertory Anthem**

*A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester*

L. J. White

O holy Jesus,  
most merciful redeemer,  
friend and brother,  
may I know thee more clearly,  
love thee more dearly,  
and follow thee more nearly,  
and follow thee more nearly. Amen

**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,  
al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

**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*

**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 675	“Take up your cross”	<i>Bourbon</i>
Hymn 409	“The spacious firmament”	<i>Creation</i>
Hymn 652	“Dear Lord and Father of mankind”	<i>Rest</i>

### 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 523	“Glorious things of thee are spoken”	<i>Abbot's Leigh</i>
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### The Dismissal

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

### Postlude

*Psalm XIX*

Benedetto Marcello

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## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

### MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 16-20

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

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor
- GREETER TRAINING  
5:30 PM | Tatum Parlor
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.  
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH  
GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room
- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT  
GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER  
4:20 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY  
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks

### WEDNESDAY, CONTINUED

- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS  
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:  
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11:00 AM | Graham Parlor
- HOLY EUCHARIST  
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel
- SPEAKER EVENT: WHY WE NEED  
EACH OTHER - WHAT CHRISTIAN FAITH  
OFFERS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE  
6:30 PM | Reception | RSVP  
7:00 PM | Presentation | First Presbyterian
- HAPPENING #81 TEAM MEETING  
7:00 PM | Zoom

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

- 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
- IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH  
5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

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# THIS SUNDAY

## FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

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

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Meet on the Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Meet in the Great Hall
  - This Sunday, the Rev. Gray Hodsdon will lead: *Life In Community: What It Means to be a Community in Christ*. All are invited to join us in the Great Hall as we introduce this year's formation theme "Life in Community" and discuss why community matters, especially Christian community.

## LATER TODAY

- GREETER TRAINING | 11:30 AM | St. James Church
- IGNITE! Middle School Youth Group | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

# NEXT SUNDAY

## FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, September 22 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

- CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL - Ages 3 - 5th Grade - Meet on 2nd Floor of Milton Hall
- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Great Hall
  - The Rev. Jay Sidebotham leads: Growing Spiritually as a Community - What do we mean by spiritual growth? Is it just an individual journey or does the community contribute to the growth? If so, how? We'll begin this series with a conversation about what we mean by spiritual growth, how it happens, and what we can do together to foster that kind of growth.

## LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- IGNITE! Middle School Youth Group | 5:00 - 6:30 PM | Perry Hall

## 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.

## COME TO THE TABLE: 2024 PARISH RETREAT

RETREAT WEEKEND: September 27-29  
Registration Deadline: September 19th

We welcome our parish family to attend this year's Parish Retreat, where we will reflect in the shared faith and relationship that we bring and receive at the table. Come join us for times of individual, small group and community contemplation of the story of the Road to Emmaus for adults, youth and children alike. We will learn and play as a parish family. Join us as we explore this story in a variety of methods as well as have time for relaxation and respite. All are welcome to be a part of fellowship, food and fun at Trinity Center.

## 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.



*Celebrant & Preacher: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon*  
*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 Dorothy Hungerford Baggett*

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