



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE I
8:00 A.M.

THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, p. 323

The Collect for Purity

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Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

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The Collect of the Day

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Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a

p. 1104

Commentary: Previously James emphasized the need to control the tongue and now he turned to the importance of disciplining the mind, which is key to controlling the tongue. Wisdom from God is marked by purity, graciousness and humility in words and deeds, and is concerned with justice and peace. James instructed his readers to ask God for those things God wants us to have; our fundamental prayer should be for our desires to reflect God's will for us. Submission to God means surrendering the human will, aligning our priorities with God's priorities. The nearer we draw to God, the more equipped we will be to resist the devil.

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 1*read responsively by whole verse**Beatus vir qui non abiit*

1 Happy are they who have not walked
in the counsel of the wicked,*
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

**2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD,*
and they meditate on his law day and night.**

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season,
with leaves that do not wither;*
everything they do shall prosper.

**4 It is not so with the wicked;*
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.**

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright
when judgment comes,*
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

**6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,*
but the way of the wicked is doomed.**

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30–37*NRSV*, p. 922

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

People **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise be to thee, O Christ.****The Sermon**

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

The Nicene Creed

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Prayer of Humble Access*in unison*

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We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Communion of the People*Gluten-free wafers available upon request*

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Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 482

"Lord of all hopefulness"

Slane

The Dismissal

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Celebrant: The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

Preacher: The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

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 Jason Christopher James

TODAY AT ST. JAMES

FAITH FORMATION HOUR

- 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. Jay Sidebotham will lead: *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.

OPPORTUNITIES TODAY

- Parish Shop Open | 8:30 -10:30 AM | Parish House
- Handbell Choir Meeting | 11:30 AM | Choir Room
- Happening #81 Team Meeting | 3:00 PM | Zoom
- IGNITE! Middle School Youth | 5:00 - 6:30

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPTEMBER 23-27

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

- FELLOWSHIP A.A.
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Stephen Ministry Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY:
1 PETER
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor
- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SGT. ASHLEY VETERAN'S CENTER
5:00 - 7:00 PM | Sgt. Ashley Center
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY EVENING CLASS RETURNS!
6:300 - 8:00 PM | Registration Req.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

- ST. JAMES PARISH RETREAT
4:00 PM | Trinity Center

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

- ST. JAMES PARISH RETREAT
All | Trinity Center

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

- ST. JAMES PARISH RETREAT
All Morning | Trinity Center
- 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

THIS SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION FOR ALL AGES

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

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NEXT SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, September 29 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

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- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
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 - The Rev. Gray Hodsdon leads: *Come to the Table* - Many of our parish family will be gathered at the Trinity Center for the Parish Retreat. Those in town are encouraged to join a special Faith Formation hour inspired by this year's Parish Retreat theme: Come to the Table. We will experience a shared program even though we are physically apart.

LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- Parish Retreat concludes!

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 to update your information.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Sunday, September 29 | 7:30 am | St. James Parish

Next Dates: December 26th & December 29th!

St. James is once again responsible for the delivery of Meals on Wheels on Sunday, September 29th and we need volunteers! Anyone willing to drive, cook, and/or bring rolls is greatly appreciated. We are responsible for preparing, packaging, and delivering meals to approximately 180 grateful Meals on Wheels recipients, who are elderly or disabled shut-ins, many of whom have little to no social interaction or hot meals other than Meals on Wheels. These clients would often go hungry without this ministry. Your active participation in this vital program is greatly appreciated.

This round we need at least 10 cooks, 20+ volunteers to bring food/dishes (recipes and list of specific needs online now), 3 packers, & 20 delivery drivers.

If you are able to help us pack, please let Molly know that you plan to be in the Perry Hall Kitchen by 7:30 am on the 29th.

If you are interested in cooking or providing supplies, please reach out so we can send the recipe for the meal. For those planning to bring supplies or food items, please know donations need to be in Perry Hall no later than Thursday, September 26th.

ON THE HORIZON

- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS - *October 4*
- BREAD BREAKERS - *October 6*
- MEN ON A MISSION: FELLOWSHIP EVENT - *October 13*
- NEWCOMER MINGLE - *October 20*

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