



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude

Lord Jesus Christ, be present now

J. S. Bach

Processional Hymn 390

“Praise to the Lord”

Lobe den Herren

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.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Proverbs 31:10–31

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 601

Commentary: This passage forms the epilogue to the Book of Proverbs. The woman in view in these verses is probably not a specific, historic individual. Previously in Proverbs, Wisdom was personified as a woman and the book ends with this description of an eminently wise woman. The wife depicted here uses every opportunity for great influence and achievement, not only succeeding herself, but enabling her husband to succeed as well. Although the social and historical context of this passage centers on a woman's influence in the domestic sphere, it also advocates characteristics that can be beneficial in many different life circumstances.

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away. She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant-girls. She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard. She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong. She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.

Her lamp does not go out at night. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson. She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple. Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land. She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes. Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

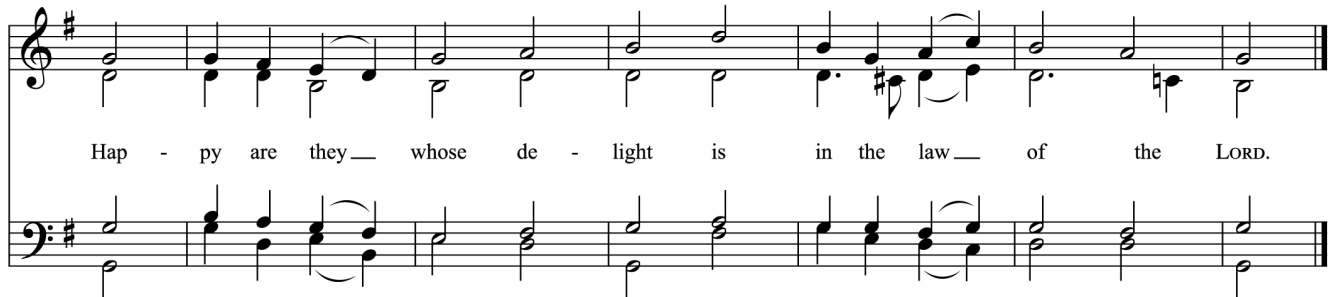
Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her: “Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all.” Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised. Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

Psalm 1

Beatus vir qui non abiit

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



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.**

ANTIPHON

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 a- / **way.**

ANTIPHON

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.**

ANTIPHON

The Epistle: 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.

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

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:30–37

NRSV, p. 922

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

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

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

The Reverend Jay Sidebotham

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 and Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Offertory Anthem

O for a closer walk with God

Charles Villiers Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, A calm and heavenly frame; A light to shine upon the road That leads me to the Lamb!	Return, O holy dove, return, Sweet messenger of rest; I hate the sins that made thee mourn, And drove thee from my breast.	So shall my walk be close with God, Calm and serene my frame; So purer light shall mark the road That leads me to the Lamb.
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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:

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 472

“Hope of the world”

Donne secours

Hymn 482

“Lord of all hopefulness”

Slane

Hymn 660

“O Master let me walk with thee”

Maryton

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 408

“Sing praise to God”

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The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

If thou but suffer God to guide us

Bach



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:
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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

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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

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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



*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

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