



THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 29 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

p. 323

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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O God, who declarest thy almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Mercifully grant unto us such a measure of thy grace, that we, running to obtain thy promises, may be made partakers of thy heavenly treasure; 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 5:13–20

p. 1104

Commentary: As James concluded this letter which focuses on the practice of the Christian faith, he turned to the subject of prayer as the fundamental means of managing trials. James urged his readers to ask their church leaders for prayer in times of weakness, spiritual or physical. The prayer of faith, which expresses trust in God and flows out of commitment to God, is effective. James used Elijah's prayer (see 1 Kings 17:1) to illustrate how much a righteous person's prayer can accomplish. Finally, James explained that a person who has strayed can return to fellowship with God and resume living by faith.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124*read responsively by whole verse**Nisi quia Dominus*

1 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

5 Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.

2 If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

6 Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.

3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

7 We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.

4 Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;

8 Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Holy Gospel: Mark 9:38–50*NRSV*, p. 922

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

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

John said to Jesus, “Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us.” But Jesus said, “Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Reverend Gray Hodsdon

The Nicene Creed

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Prayers of the People

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Confession of Sin

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The Peace

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Welcome and Announcements**THE HOLY COMMUNION****Eucharistic Prayer I**

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The Lord’s Prayer

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The Breaking of the Bread

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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* p. 338
Prayer of Thanksgiving *in unison* p. 339

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 344 “Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing” *Sicilian Mariners*

The Dismissal p. 340



*Celebrant: The Reverend Geoffrey Hoare ~ 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 Alexander “Sandy” Johnston

THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

MON.- FRI., SEPT. 30 - OCT. 4

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

- 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
4:30 - 7:00 PM | Good Shepherd Center

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

- YOUTH BIBLE STUDY
7:00 AM | 16th Street. Starbucks
- CREATIVE CONNECTIONS
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Green Room
- WEDNESDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: PHILIPPIANS
11:00 AM | Graham Parlor

WEDNESDAY - CONTINUED

- HOLY EUCHARIST
12:10 PM | St. James Chapel

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Handbell Room
(2nd floor next to Bishop Wright Room)
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY EVENING CLASS RETURNS!
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Req.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL
7:00 - 8:30 PM

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

- MEN ON A MISSION: SERVING AT A SAFE PLACE
8:00 - 11:00 AM | A Safe Place
- WOMEN’S HIKING RETREAT BEGINS
4:00 PM | Kanuga | Reg. Required.
- BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
5:45 PM | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

- WOMEN’S HIKING RETREAT
All Day | Kanuga | Reg. Required.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

- WOMEN’S HIKING RETREAT
All Day | Kanuga | Reg. Required.
- 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 - 10:30 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
- BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME
4:00-6:00 PM | The Kirby Home | RSVP
- SJP YOUTH - CORN MAZE
4:00-7:00 PM | Meet in Perry Hall Lot | RSVP to Cookie

THIS SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, September 29 | 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. 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.

ALSO THIS SUNDAY

- MEALS ON WHEELS - Volunteers head to Perry Hall Kitchen!
- PARISH RETREAT CONCLUDES

NEXT SUNDAY

FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 6 | 9:10 - 10:00 a.m. | St. James Parish

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- YOUTH, FAITH & FRIENDS - 6th - 12th Grades - Youth Hall
- LIFE IN COMMUNITY: ADULT FORMATION - Great Hall
 - The Rt. Rev. Henry Parsley leads: *Community, Prayer, & Creation* - Bishop Parsley introduces the theme of Living in Community. We will engage with what the New Testament has to say about Christian community and why it matters. How does prayer deepen community? How does God call us to care for one another and the community of all life?

LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- BREAD BREAKERS: HOSPITALITY AT HOME - 4:00-6:00 PM
- SJP YOUTH: CORN MAZE - 4:30 Departure from Perry Hall Lot

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Friday, October 4 | 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. | Mt. Lebanon Chapel

All are invited to bring your non-human family members to our Annual Blessing of the Animals on Friday, October 4 at Mt. Lebanon Chapel from 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. We'll celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by blessing our furry, feathered, or even scaled, friends!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPERS

We invite you to save your Wednesday nights (October 9 - 30th) for dinner and fellowship. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this family ministry. Stay tuned for how to RSVP. We need hands to help with cooking or organizing each meal. Dinner will be hosted in the Great Hall. All are encouraged to sign up to volunteer or bring a dish. These wonderful nights of fellowship need hands and hearts to serve. Please reach out to Brandon Tully at brandoncandler@me.com or Erin Becker at communications@stjamesp.org.

MEN ON A MISSION: FALL FELLOWSHIP EVENT

October 13 | 3:30- 6:00 p.m. | Cowden Home | RSVP

All men of St. James and their male guests ages 21+ are invited to join the 200+ St. James Men on a Mission guys in the pleasant backyard confines of the Cowden family home Sunday, October 13th from 3:30-6:00 p.m. This event will be catered and include BBQ with great sides and beverages, as well as another specialty brew provided by Steve Thomas and the Brew Crew! More information to follow. Come ready for fun, fellowship, and great food and drink in the shade and friendly confines! Registration link online! \$25/per guest.

ON THE HORIZON

- HAPPENING #81 - October 17-20
- NEWCOMER MINGLE - October 20

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.

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