



# THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 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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Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve: Pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ thy Son our Lord; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### The Lesson: Genesis 2:18–24

The Holy Bible; *NRSV*, p. 2

*Commentary: Genesis 2:7 says that God formed Adam with loving care from the dust of the ground and breathed life into him. However, Adam's creation was not complete because he lacked a 'helper' who corresponded to him, a condition the Lord would now rectify. The creation of humankind required both a male and a female to make it good in God's sight. God not only made Eve to be a suitable companion for Adam, God presented her to him as a gift. Adam rejoiced greatly in the partner God had made for him because he recognized that Eve provided his ideal counterpart for life in this world.*

The Lord God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper as his partner." So out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every animal of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper as his partner. So the Lord God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; then he took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh. And the rib that the Lord God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said,

"This at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called Woman, for out of Man this one was taken." Therefore a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh.

The Word of the Lord.

People

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 26***read responsively by whole verse**Judica me, Domine*

1 Give judgment for me, O LORD,  
for I have lived with integrity; \*  
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 **Test me, O LORD, and try me; \*  
examine my heart and my mind.**

3 For your love is before my eyes; \*  
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 **I have not sat with the worthless, \*  
nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; \*  
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 **I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, \*  
that I may go in procession round your altar,**

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving \*  
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 **LORD, I love the house in which you dwell \*  
and the place where your glory abides.**

9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, \*  
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

10 **Whose hands are full of evil plots, \*  
and their right hand full of bribes.**

11 As for me, I will live with integrity; \*  
redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

12 **My foot stands on level ground; \*  
in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.**

**The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:2–16***NRSV, p. 922*

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

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

Some Pharisees came, and to test Jesus they asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of dismissal and to divorce her.” But Jesus said to them, “Because of your hardness of heart he wrote this commandment for you. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate.” Then in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. He said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, “Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.” And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**The Sermon**

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

**The Nicene Creed**

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**The Lord’s Prayer**

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**The Breaking of the Bread**

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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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## Prayer of Thanksgiving

in unison

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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 376

“Joyful, joyful, we adore thee”

*Hymn to Joy*

## Dismissal

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*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  
Edward Manning Hardin, Lauriston Hardin Clarkson, Virginia Farmer Hardin and Julian Wright Clarkson*

## THIS WEEK AT ST. JAMES

**MON.- FRI., OCTOBER 7-11**

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

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 7**

- LIVING WELL IN MIDST OF GRIEF  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor or zoom
- FELLOWSHIP A.A.  
7:00 PM | Lippitt Room

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8**

- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
9:00 - 11:30 AM | Registration Req.
- TELLING YOUR STORY THROUGH  
GUIDED AUTOBIOGRAPHY  
9:00 - 11:00 AM | Registration Req.
- COHI CONTINUING EDUCATION  
5:00 PM | Graham Parlor

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9**

- 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
- CHILDREN'S & CHERUB' CHOIRS  
5:45 - 6:15 PM | Doors open at 5:30 p.m.  
Children - 2nd - 5th Grades | Choir Room  
Cherubs - Age 4 - 1st Grade | Children's  
Chapel
- YOUTH GATHERING  
5:30 - 6:15 PM | Youth Hall
- A LOOK AT "LIFE TOGETHER"  
5:30 - 6:15 PM | Lippitt Room
- WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER  
6:15-7:00 PM | Doors open at 6:00 p.m.  
Great Hall

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10**

- HANDBELL CHOIR REHEARSAL  
6:00 - 7:00 PM | Green Room
- EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY  
EVENING CLASS RETURNS!  
6:30 - 8:00 PM | Registration Req.
- CHOIR REHEARSAL  
7:00 - 8:30 PM

**FRIDAY, OCTOBER 11**

- SJDS CLOSED  
All Day | Teacher Workday

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12**

- NO EVENTS PLANNED

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13**

- 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
- MEN ON A MISSION: FELLOWSHIP  
EVENT  
3:30-6:00 PM | The Cowden Home | RSVP
- IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH:  
ICECREAM SOCIAL  
4:30 PM | Crazy Mason | RSVP to Cookie

# THIS SUNDAY

## FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 6 | 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 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 TODAY

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

# NEXT SUNDAY

## FAITH FORMATION

Sunday, October 13 | 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
  - *How Our Community Prays* - Members of our St. James Parish family will share their prayer practices and invite us to reflect on and share on our own practices. We hope we can all find inspiration and renewal in this time dedicated to sharing our individual and community practices of prayer.

## LATER NEXT SUNDAY

- MEN ON A MISSION: FELLOWSHIP EVENT - 3:30-6:00 PM
- IGNITE! MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH ICECREAM SOCIAL - 4:30 p.m. | Meet at Crazy Mason

### We want to help support you through the bad and the good.

Prayer Requests are one way our parish family supports one another. Going forward, if you would like to be included on the prayer list, please know the request will be included for two Sundays in the Prayers of the People and a full month on Weekday Morning Prayer unless otherwise requested.

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 need to update your contact information, please make sure to let us know. Please reach out to [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto:communications@stjamesp.org) to update your information.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT ST.

### JAMES: OCTOBER 9 - 30

#### CHILDREN'S & CHERUB CHOIRS

Wednesdays | 5:45 - 6:15 p.m. | Choir Room & Children's Chapel (Doors open at 5:30 pm)

- Children's Choir (2nd - 5th Grades) meet in the Choir Room- Leader: Dr. Bill Weisser
- Cherub's Choir (age 4 - 1st Grade) meet in the Children's Chapel - Leader: Erin Trask

#### YOUTH GATHERING

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Youth Room

6th - 12th Graders are invited to join Cookie Cantwell and other Youth Advisors for a special study on Wednesday nights later this fall!

#### A LOOK AT "LIFE TOGETHER"

Wednesdays | 5:30 - 6:15 p.m. | Lippitt Room

The Rev. Phillip Craig for a special study on Wednesday nights! Together, we'll be reading through Dietrich Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*.

#### PARISH DINNERS

Wednesdays | 6:15-7:00 p.m. | Great Hall

Following our programs, dinner will be hosted in the Great Hall. A donation of \$10 per person/ \$25 per family is requested to help support this wonderful family ministry. RSVP online! These wonderful nights of fellowship need hands and hearts to serve. Teams may sign up to lead a dinner online! If you have questions about these great dinners, please reach out to Brandon Tully at [brandoncandler@me.com](mailto:brandoncandler@me.com) or Erin Becker at [communications@stjamesp.org](mailto: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

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