



THE TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SUNDAY 6 OCTOBER 2024

THE HOLY EUCHARIST, RITE II

10:15 A.M.

Prelude *Adagio non Troppo* Alexander Boely

Processional Hymn 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee" *Hymn to Joy*

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 p. 355

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First 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.

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

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

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

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 to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Reverend C. Phillip Craig, Jr.

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

Ave Verum

W. A. Mozart

*Ave verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine,
vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine
cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine:
esto nobis praegustatum in mortis examine.*

Hail, true Body born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for mankind,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed:
Be for us a sweet foretaste in the trial of death!

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 B

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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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.

The Celebrant continues, concluding with:

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 483 “The head that once was crowned with thorns” *St. Magnus*
- Hymn 458 “My song is love unknown” *Love Unknown*
- Hymn 699 “Jesus, Lover of my soul” *Aberystwyth*

Sending of Eucharistic Visitors

Celebrant

In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People

We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.

The Postcommunion Prayer

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Celebrant Let us pray.

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

**And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 397

“Now thank we all our God”

Nun danket alle Gott

The Dismissal

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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Nun Danket alle Gott

Sigfried Karg-Elert

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

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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 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 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

*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*

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