



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2021

10:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

*Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.
After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.*

Prelude: In green pastures

Harold Darke

Hymn 423: *St. Denio*, "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: 2 Samuel 7:1-14a

When the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, the People read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

I have found David my servant; *
with my holy oil have I anointed him.
My hand will hold him fast *
and my arm will make him strong.
No enemy shall deceive him, *
nor any wicked man bring him down.
I will crush his foes before him *
and strike down those who hate him.
My faithfulness and love shall be with him, *
and he shall be victorious through my Name.
I shall make his dominion extend *
from the Great Sea to the River.
He will say to me, ‘You are my Father, *
my God, and the rock of my salvation.’
I will make him my firstborn *
and higher than the kings of the earth.
I will keep my love for him for ever, *
and my covenant will stand firm for him.
I will establish his line for ever *
and his throne as the days of heaven.”
“If his children forsake my law *
and do not walk according to my judgments;
If they break my statutes *
and do not keep my commandments;
I will punish their transgressions with a rod *
and their iniquities with the lash;
But I will not take my love from him, *
nor let my faithfulness prove false.
I will not break my covenant, *
nor change what has gone out of my lips.
Once for all I have sworn by my holiness: *
‘I will not lie to David.
His line shall endure for ever *
and his throne as the sun before me;
It shall stand fast for evermore like the moon, *
the abiding witness in the sky.’ ”

Epistle: Ephesians 2:11-22

Remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called “the uncircumcision” by those who are called “the circumcision” — a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands — remember that you were

at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 645: *St. Columba*, “The King of love my shepherd is”

Gospel: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, “Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.” For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The people stand as able and join in saying the Nicene Creed.

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.

Litany of Thanksgiving for Season of Gratitude

Let us pray. (*Please kneel as you are able.*)

Let us give thanks to God our Father in this season of gratitude for all
his gifts so freely bestowed upon us at St. James's Episcopal Church.

Come let us sing to the Lord as we lift up our prayers.

For our Lord is gracious and merciful, and abounding in love and compassion.

For the beauty and wonder of your creation, in earth and sky and sea.

We thank you, Lord.

For our church community at St. James's, its love, support, and prayers
during the pandemic, *We thank you Lord.*

For our church buildings where we worship together each Sunday, may we
prove to be worthy stewards and Doers of your Holy word, *We thank you Lord.*

For our church's clergy, staff, lay volunteers and those who serve out of sight and often unseen, *We thank you Lord.*

For all that is gracious in our lives, and the lives of those we love, *We thank you, Lord.*

For daily food and drink, and the call we have to share those gifts with others, *We thank you, Lord.*

For minds to think, and hearts to love, and hands to serve, *We thank you, Lord.*

For health and strength to work, and gratitude for the gift of each other, *We thank you, Lord.*

For the brave and courageous, who are patient in suffering and have been faithful in these difficult days, *We thank you, Lord.*

For all valiant seekers after truth, liberty, and justice, *We thank you, Lord.*

For James our patron, the communion of saints, in all times and places, *We thank you, Lord.*

Silence

Please join me in lifting up to God those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers:

Leader and People

Elizabeth Austin, Robert Austin II, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, James Brewer, Betty Crasten, Ruth Anne Eliades, Will Fackler, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Barbara Katz, Ted Lyons, Matt Maddox, Emma Mason, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Adah Parashar, Courtenay Reynolds, Cameron Sealey, Geoff Sisk, Patrick Sullivan, Ginger Trice, Doug Wigner, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Carol, Cassandra and family, Kevin, and Malissa

The Leader continues.

Celebrant

O God of unchangeable power and eternal light: Look favorably on your whole Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery; by the effectual working of your providence, carry out in tranquility the plan of salvation; let the whole world see and know that things which were being cast down are being raised up, and things which had grown old are being made new, and that all things are being brought to their perfection by him through whom all things were made, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Celebrant 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.

Celebrant

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.*

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. All are invited to receive a blessing at the altar, indicated by crossing your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To give online, you may use the QR code located in the back of the bulletin.

Anthem: My God! the spring of all my joys Am. Hymn, arr. Alice Parker

My God! the spring of all my joys,
the life of my delights;
the glory of my brightest days
and comfort of my nights.

In darkest shades, if he appears
my dawning is begun;
He is my soul's sweet morning star
and he my rising sun.

My soul would leave this heavy clay
at his transporting word;
run up with joy the shining way
to embrace my dearest Lord.

Hymn of Gratitude and Doxology: *Dix*

For the Church which evermore lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore thy pure sacrifice of love.
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.



Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. (*The Celebrant continues with the Preface of the Lord's Day.*)

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 S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The People may kneel or stand, as is their custom.

Celebrant

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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,

People and Celebrant

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Music at Communion

Anthem: Rise up, my love, my fair one

Healy Willan

Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
For lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
The flowers appear upon the earth,
the time of singing of birds is come;
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.

Hymn 317: *Morestead*, “This is the hour of banquet and of song”

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come forward to the altar rail to receive a blessing.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The People join in saying the Postcommunion Prayer, kneeling as able.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Hymn 665: *Michael*, “All my hope on God is founded”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Festal Finale

Henry Coleman

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Page Parrish Wright*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

Deacon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Judy Philpott

Lector: David Irvin

IWC Greeter: Cheryl Guedri

Cookie Baker: Marisa Tribble

Musicians:

Singers: Nate Bick, Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Will Conn,
Heather Jones

Organist: Virginia Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Elizabeth Austin, Robert Austin II, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, James Brewer, Betty Crasten, Ruth Anne Eliades, Will Fackler, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Barbara Katz, Ted Lyons, Matt Maddox, Emma Mason, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Adah Parashar, Courtenay Reynolds, Cameron Sealey, Geoff Sisk, Patrick Sullivan, Ginger Trice, Doug Wigner, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Carol, Cassandra and family, Kevin, and Malissa

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers: especially Jennifer Ascoli, Eric Bland, Laura Bland, Tracy Carrasquillo, Gussie Carter, Paul Crook, Lauren Dickinson, Brian Hoffmann, Rachel Klavan, Rebecca Krey, Worth Lewis, Anne Byrd Mahoney, Jimmy Milley, Sally Prillaman, Alex Skidmore, Kaylyn Tucker, Banks Turner, William Welch, Peter Wilbanks, Margaret Williams, and Judith Zerkle

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially Robert Crutcher and William Smith

For those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children: especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center, SCAN, and St. James's Children Center

For the safe keeping and travel of those on missions: especially Mary Beth Abplanalp, Carrie Acey, Celia Acey, Jake Acey, Mason Acey, Ryon Acey, Sophia Carter, Berkeley Crane, Winston Crane, Katherine Elles, Cole Hartley, Drew Hartley, Hannah Harvard, Eliza Hoke, James McCoy, Colin Monette, Tyler Monette, Margaret Nunnally, Ben Rosengren, Sam Rosengren, Gabrielle Strickler, Thomas Strickler, Mac Taylor, Susan Thurman, Clare Trow, Hank Warner, Harry Warner, Holden Woodward, and Kate Woodward

For those about to be baptized: especially Frank Gordon Elgin, III and Tyndall Durham who will be baptized at St. James's next Sunday

For the recently married: especially Ellie Jamerson and Sean Tate who were married yesterday

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Fabi Carter, Evie Holloway, Donna Horizon, Helen Kemp, Lauren Langley, Ashley Waite, and Latane Ware who celebrate their birthdays today

For those who have died recently: especially Frank Grier

Music Notes

My God, the spring of all my joys is an early-American folk hymn-tune (*Tranquility*) arranged by Alice Parker, the composer and arranger closely associated with the late conductor Robert Shaw. The text is by Isaac Watts (1674-1748), who is often called the “father of English hymnody.” Watts wrote 400 hymns and nearly 200 paraphrases of psalms, eleven of which appear in *The Hymnal 1982*.

Rise up, my love, my fair one is by Healey Willan (1880-1968). Born and educated in England, Willan served several churches near London before immigrating to Canada in 1913 to serve on the faculty of the Toronto Conservatory of Music and to become organist at St. Paul’s, Canada’s largest Anglican Church. The text is from The Song of Solomon.

Yet another reason to join a choir!

Singing is healthy for you and strengthens the immune system, according to researchers at the University of Frankfurt who based their findings on blood tests taken from amateur choir members.



The blood samples were taken from choir members before and after singing Mozart’s *Requiem*. During the singing the levels of immunoglobulin A and cortisol, significant factors for a well-functioning immune system, were significantly higher. Another sample was taken a week later. This time the church choir was not allowed to sing but had to listen to a recording of the *Requiem*. This time the blood levels were not above normal as in the first test. The researchers

found that the positive mood of the participants also improved during the singing. “Musical activities can positively influence not only physiological factors but also the autonomous nervous system,” Professor Hans Günther Bastian of the Frankfurt Institute of Music Education concluded. The study was published in the *Journal of Behavioral Medicine*.

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