



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 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: Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele BWV 654 Johann Sebastian Bach

Hymn 686: *Nettleton*, "Come, thou fount of every blessing"

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.

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, cleanse and defend your Church; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.”

Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.’” And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, “I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.’”

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

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

So he commanded the clouds above *
and opened the doors of heaven.

He rained down manna upon them to eat *
and gave them grain from heaven.

So mortals ate the bread of angels; *
he provided for them food enough.

He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens *
and led out the south wind by his might.

He rained down flesh upon them like dust *
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.

He let it fall in the midst of their camp *
and round about their dwellings.

So they ate and were well filled, *
for he gave them what they craved.

Epistle: Ephesians 4:1-16

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

“When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive; he gave gifts to his people.”

(When it says, “He ascended,” what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful

scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 343: *St. Agnes*, “Shepherd of souls, refresh and bless”

Gospel: John 6:24-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do to perform the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’” Then Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.”

Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Nicene Creed

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

BCP 358

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

Please kneel as you are able.

Let us pray.

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, the Bates family, Derby Brackett, Will Fackler, Sarah Fought, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Barbara Katz, Ted Lyons, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Ashley McFadden, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Peter Pfohl, Courtenay Reynolds, Cameron Sealey, Geoff Sisk, Patrick Sullivan, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Barbara, Carol, Kevin and Melissa

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.*

Confession of Sin and Absolution

BCP 360

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: Give almes of thy goods

Christopher Tye

Give almes of thy goods,
and turn never thy face from any poor man,
And then the face of the Lord
shall not be turned from thee.

Hymn of Gratitude and Doxology: *Dix*

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild.
Christ our God, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise him, crea-tures here be - low.
 Praise him a-bove, ye heav-en-ly hosts. Fath-er, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.
 Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful 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: Super flumina Babylonis Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Super flumina Babylonis illic sedimus et flevimus,
Cum recordaremur Sion.

By the waters of Babylon we sat down and wept,
when we remembered thee, O Sion.

Hymn 321: *Rockingham*, “My God, thy table now is spread”

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 690: *Cwm Rhondda*, “Guide me, O thou great Jehovah”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Concerto #3, Allegro

Johann Gottfried Walther

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Helen S. Caskie, Marion M. Caskie,
Challen Ellis Caskie and Anne Elliott Caskie
and for the blessing of the marriage of
Caroline Caskie Porter and John Joseph Simmons*

Service Participants

Preacher: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Celebrant and Deacon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Lay Eucharistic Minister: Susan Siegfried

Lector: Carol Ann and Sam Fuller

IWC Greeter: Andy Bennett

Cookie Baker: Pam Goggins

Musicians

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

Organist: Casey Dunaway

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, the Bates family, Derby Brackett, Will Fackler, Sarah Fought, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Barbara Katz, Ted Lyons, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Ashley McFadden, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Peter Pfohl, Courtenay Reynolds, Cameron Sealey, Geoff Sisk, Patrick Sullivan, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Henry Willett, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Barbara, Carol, Kevin and Melissa

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

For all who advocate for the most vulnerable and strive to bring an end to poverty and homelessness: especially our outreach partners ACTS, CARITAS, REAL Life, and RE:Work Richmond

For the newly born: especially David Scott Stabler IV, son of Mary Cate and David Stabler, and grandson of Michael and Diane Dodd McCue who was born recently

For those about to be baptized: especially Eloise Lawson Dahl, Tatum Cole Duke, Frances West Johnson, and Bodhi Ellsworth Stinson who will be baptized at St. James's next Sunday

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Evelyn Branch, Sarah-Alicia Chay, Randy Daniel, Becky McNeer, Will Prince, IV, Georgia Slocum, and Annie Sydnor who celebrate their birthdays today

Music Notes



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Give almes of thy goods was written by Christopher Tye (1505-72), English Renaissance composer and organist. Tye received a Bachelor of Music from Cambridge and a Degree of Doctor from Oxford. He was master of the choir at Ely Cathedral. He later stopped composing and became a clergyman at the same cathedral. Today he is probably best known for the hymn tune *Winchester Old*, set in Hymnal 1982 to the text, “While shepherds watched their flocks by night” (#94).

Super Flumina Babylonis is a setting of Psalm 137 by the 16th-century Italian master Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1525-1594). After brief service at the cathedral of his hometown, Palestrina was called to St. Peter’s in Rome, where he was soon appointed director of the papal choir. The rest of his life was spent in Rome, composing hundreds of masses and motets that have come to be considered perfect models of sacred music.

Join the Choir!

If you have toyed with the idea of joining us in the choir loft, why not this fall? See below for the first rehearsals of Fall 2021 and call the Music Office (355-1779, ext. 323 or 324) for more information.

- ~ Cherub Choir (K – 2nd grades) – Wednesday, September 15, 4:00 p.m.
- ~ Children’s Choir (3rd – 5th grades) – Wednesday, September 15, 5:00 p.m.
- ~ Youth Choir (6th – 12th grades) – Sunday, September 12, 12:30 p.m.
- ~ West Gallery Choir (9:00 a.m. service) – Wednesday, September 8, 7:00 p.m.
- ~ Guitar Ensemble (9:00 a.m. service) – Wednesday, September 8, 8:30 p.m.
- ~ Parish Choir (11:15 a.m. service) – Thursday, September 9, 7:30 p.m.

Organ Tour Today

Our guest organist, Casey Dunaway, is also the curator of Opus 112. He will offer a guided tour of the inside of our beautiful C.B. Fisk organ after the 10:00 a.m. service. Anyone wishing to see the interior of this magnificent instrument should meet Casey in the balcony after the service.

Giving Online

We thank you for your ongoing support of God’s mission at St. James’s. To give financially online, go to doers.org/give or scan this QR code with your smart phone’s camera app:

