



## St. James's Episcopal Church

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 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:** Trumpet Tune in C

Sonatina

from *Gottes Zeit ist die Allerbeste Zeit*, BWV 106

David N. Johnson

Johann Sebastian Bach

**Hymn 493:** *Azmon*, "O for a thousand tongues to sing"

### 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.

## Collect of the Day

BCP 233

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Old Testament: Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 146 *Lauda, anima mea*

BCP 803

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

Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! \*

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, \*

for there is no help in them.

When they breathe their last, they return to earth, \*

and in that day their thoughts perish.

Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! \*

whose hope is in the LORD their God;

Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; \*

who keeps his promise for ever;

Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, \*

and food to those who hunger.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; \*

the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; \*

he sustains the orphan and widow,

but frustrates the way of the wicked.

The LORD shall reign for ever, \*  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

**Epistle:** James 2:1-10, 11-13, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*Reader*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 568:** *Was lebet*, "Father all loving, who rulest in majesty"

**Gospel:** Mark 7:24-37

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

*People*      Glory to you, Lord Christ.

From there Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed

down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Jesus returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

*Deacon*     The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*     Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**Sermon:** The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

## **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**

*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, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, Henry Carwile, Kenneth Decker, Will Fackler, Wesley Gephert, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Eileen Long, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Elizabeth Mauck, Linda Mays, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Katie McGraw, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Carol Piersol, Courtenay Reynolds, Bradford Smith, Patrick Sullivan, Jessie Sumrell, 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 each perfect gift of thine to the world so freely given,  
Faith and hope and love divine, peace on earth and joy in heaven.  
Lord of all, 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: Unseen Boatman

Mark Whitmire

*Refrain:* Unseen boatman, guide us through,  
lead our journey to a favorable shore.

We glide through the river of our days,  
paying attention to the details at hand,  
the structures that order our lives;  
the luxuries that ease our aches and pains  
and lull our senses to lesser dreams.  
A slender arch lies ahead, echoed in the path upon which we glide.

What lies beyond?  
What dwells in the darkness wherein we cannot peer?  
What hopes or dreams live or die in that eternal space?  
What knowledge will we carry there?  
What necessities will we long to have?  
What regrets will penetrate our inner dark?  
What hope shed light upon our way? *Refrain*

Glide through the arch in faith and hope,  
for the love that has sustained all life since time's beginning  
will continue the journey of life  
in what lies beyond the limits of our sight.

Hymn 606: *Ubi caritas*, “Where true charity and love dwell”

## **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 473:** *Crucifer*, “Lift high the cross”

## **Dismissal**

*People*      Thanks be to God.

## **Postlude:** Improvisation

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Mr. and Mrs. George Gilmer Minor, Mr. George Gilmer Minor, Jr.,  
and Roddey Watkins Minor*

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend

*Celebrant and Deacon:* The Reverend Hilary Streever

*Lay Eucharistic Minister:* Becky DeCamps

*Lector:* Lisa Niemeier

*IWC Greeter:* Page Kastelberg

*Musicians*

*Singers:* Sabrina Lafleur, Jeanne Lapierre, Chris Rock, John Tyndall

*Guest Organist:* Charles Lindsey

*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, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Derby Brackett, Henry Carwile, Kenneth Decker, Will Fackler, Wesley Gephert, Mary Harrison, Leigh Hulcher, David Johnson, Eileen Long, George Longest, Emma Mason, Matt Mattox, Elizabeth Mauck, Linda Mays, Ray McCard, Eve McCray, Katie McGraw, Bunky Miller, Harry Moore, Jonathan Scott Oertel, Adah Parashar, Carol Piersol, Courtenay Reynolds, Bradford Smith, Patrick Sullivan, Jessie Sumrell, 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, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teefey

We continue to pray for all people and all places who live in the midst of violence, conflict, and strife especially the people of Afghanistan and Haiti. We also, lift up in our prayers, the people of Louisiana as they struggle to recover in the aftermath of the recent hurricane.

*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 recently married:* especially Anne Carter Bland and Cole Songer who were married here yesterday

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially David Adamson, Jack Horsley V, Grace Locke, and Allison Roelen who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially Opal Rife and Margaret Ryan

## 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).

*Unseen Boatman* is my setting of portions of a poem by Vienna Cobb Anderson. The music is inspired by images of water that appear in the poem. Vienna writes: “This prayer/poem is based on a photograph taken in Venice, Italy, of a gondola moving along the canal, coming into view from under the bridge where I was standing and about to go under the next bridge into the dark beyond. The passengers and the gondolier were invisible, only the empty seats are visible, waiting for occupants.”

## Join a Choir!

As you can see below, this will be another exciting year to be a part of the Music Ministry. Adult choir rehearsals begin this week, with the West Gallery Choir meeting at 7 pm on Wednesday and the Parish Choir meeting at 7:30 pm on Thursday. If you have toyed with the idea of joining us in the choir loft, now is the time. Everyone is welcome. Call the Music Office (355-1779, ext. 323 or 324) for more information.

October 3	Blessing of the Animals	<i>Sunday at 9:00 am</i>
October 17	Bluegrass Mass	<i>Sunday at 9:00 am</i>
November 14	Corey's Gospel Hour	<i>Sunday at 7:00 pm</i>
November 25	Thanksgiving Day	<i>Thursday at 10:00 am</i>
December 5	Advent Lessons & Carols	<i>Sunday at 5:00 pm</i>
December 19	Christmas Pageant	<i>Sunday at 5:00 pm</i>
December 24	Christmas Eve	<i>Friday</i>
	Family Eucharist	<i>at 4:00 pm</i>
	Holy Eucharist	<i>at 6:00 pm</i>
	Choral Prelude: Handel's <i>Messiah</i> (Part I)	<i>at 10:30 pm</i>
	Festival Holy Eucharist	<i>at 11:00 pm</i>
January 16	MLK Gospel Evensong	<i>Sunday at 5:00 pm</i>
February 20	Choral Eucharist	<i>Sunday at 11:15 am</i>
March 20	Dylan Mass	<i>Sunday at 9:00 am</i>
May 30	Memorial Concert	<i>Sunday at 7:00 pm</i>
June 5	Jazz Mass	<i>Sunday at 10:00 am</i>

## Giving Online

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