



St. James's Episcopal Church
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 31, 2021
11:15 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: Dialogue from *Mass for the Parishes* François Couperin

Hymn 637: Lyons, "How firm a foundation"

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 235

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Ruth 1:1-18

In the days when the judges ruled, there was a famine in the land, and a certain man of Bethlehem in Judah went to live in the country of Moab, he and his wife and two sons. The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion; they were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. When they had lived there about ten years, both Mahlon and Chilion also died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband. Then she started to return with her daughters-in-law from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the country of Moab that the LORD had considered his people and given them food. So she set out from the place where she had been living, she and her two daughters-in-law, and they went on their way to go back to the land of Judah. But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go back each of you to your mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. The LORD grant that you may find security, each of you in the house of your husband." Then she kissed them, and they wept aloud. They said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters, why will you go with me? Do I still have sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? Turn back, my daughters, go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. Even if I thought there was hope for me, even if I should have a husband tonight and bear sons, would you then wait until they were grown? Would you then refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, it has been far more bitter for me than for you, because the hand of the LORD has turned against me." Then they wept aloud again. Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

So she said, “See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law.” But Ruth said,

“Do not press me to leave you or to turn back from following you! Where you go, I will go; Where you lodge, I will lodge; your people shall be my people, and your God my God. Where you die, I will die—there will I be buried. May the Lord do thus and so to me, and more as well, if even death parts me from you!”

When Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more to her.

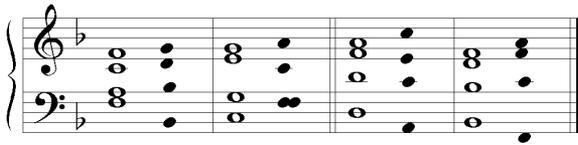
Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 146 *Lauda, Anima Mea*

BCP 803

The Congregation remains seated while singing the Psalm.



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: Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 458 (vs. 1-5, 7): *Love Unknown*, “My song is love unknown”
v. 2 – women v. 4 – men

Gospel: Mark 12:28-34

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Sadducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’ —this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Hilary Streever

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.

Prayers of the People, Form VI

The Leader and People pray responsively

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;

People *For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.*

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;

People *For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.*

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;

People *For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.*

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

People *For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.*

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
People For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For all bishops and other ministers;
People For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Hear us, Lord;
People For your mercy is great.
Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
People And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died,
that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
People Who put their trust in you.

Priest

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

Priest and People

Bless Arthur and family, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Andy Blieden, the Corey family, LaRose Daniels, Tom Evelyn, Tom Holliday, Leigh Hulcher, Roxanne James, David Johnson, George Longest, Matt Mattox, Linda Mays, Eve McCray, JoEllen McGugan, Bunky Miller, Claire Miller, Harry Moore, Adah Parashar, Peter Pfohl, Courtenay Reynolds, Bradford Smith, Jay Stegmaier, Jessie Sumrell, Evelyn Sutton, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Ben and Eloise, Ace, Dylan, Elaine, James, and Melissa

The Priest continues.

Priest We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

Priest and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Priest

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.

Greeting and Announcements

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: He watching over Israel (*Elijah*) Felix Mendelssohn

He watching over Israel slumbers not, nor sleeps.
Shouldst thou, walking in grief, languish,
He will quicken thee.

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow"

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP 367

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

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

Celebrant

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 and Fraction Anthem S155

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Music at Communion

Anthem: Sing me to heaven

Daniel Gawthrop

In my heart's sequestered chambers lie truths stripped of poet's gloss.
Words alone are vain and vacant and my heart is mute.
In response to aching silence, memory summons half-heard voices,
and my soul finds primal eloquence and wraps me in song.

If you would comfort me, sing me a lullaby.
If you would win my heart, sing me a love song.
If you would mourn me and bring me to God,
sing me a requiem, sing me to heaven.

Touch in me all love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Touch in me grief and comfort, love and passion, pain and pleasure.
Sing me a lullaby, a love song, a requiem.
Love me, comfort me, bring me to God:
sing me a love song, sing me to heaven.

Chant: Verbum supernum prodiens

Plainsong

1 The heavenly Word proceeding forth,
Yet leaving not his Father's side,
And going to His work on Earth,
Has reached at length life's eventide.

4 In birth man's fellow-man was He,
His meat while sitting at the board;
He died, our ransom to be,
He reigns to be our great reward.

2 By false disciple to be given
To foemen for His blood athirst,
Himself, the living bread from heaven,
He gave to his disciples first.

5 O saving Victim, opening wide
The gates of heaven to man below;
Our foes press hard on every side,
Thine aid supply, Thy strength bestow.

3 In twofold form of sacrament,
He gave His flesh, He gave His blood,
That man, of soul and body bent,
Might wholly feed on mystic food.

6 All praise and thanks to thee ascend
For evermore, blessed One in Three;
O grant us life that shall not end,
In our true native land with Thee.

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

Please kneel 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 556: *Marion*, "Rejoice, ye pure in heart"

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Ein feste Burg

Dietrich Buxtehude

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Hilary Streever

Celebrant and Deacon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Assisting: Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

Lectors: Helen Kemp, Carol Ann Fuller

IWC Greeter: Jeanette Nicholson

Musicians: The Parish Choir

Virginia Ewing Whitmire, Organist

Dr. Mark A. Whitmire, Director of Music

Prayers of the People

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

For those serving in our Armed Forces: especially David Bhatta, Robby Farmer, Wilson Nance, William Smith, and Mitchell Teeffy

For our own efforts to participate in your Kingdom here at St. James's: especially our Outreach and Missions committees, that you would lead us in the way of the cross as we strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

We give thanks for the wedding last week of Kacy Yuhas, and Polly Ukrop, daughter of Lilo and Scott Ukrop.

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Annie Gupton, Cynthia Izac, Blake Kanipe, and Mimi Worrell who celebrate their birthdays today.

Music Notes



He watching over Israel is from the oratorio *Elijah* by Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47). Mendelssohn was the child of a prominent Jewish family. He converted to Christianity at age seven. He received music lessons from a very early age from the best teachers in Berlin. He performed publicly as a child and began composing at age nineteen. For Christmas, 1823, his grandmother presented the young composer with a manuscript copy of Bach's *St. Matthew's Passion*, largely unknown at the time. Four years later Mendelssohn organized a public performance of the work which led to the great awakening of interest in Bach's music. In addition to symphonies, piano music, songs, and chamber music, Mendelssohn composed two oratorios, *St. Paul* and *Elijah*. Among the composer's most well-known works is the carol "Hark! the herald angels sing" (*The Hymnal 1982*, p. 87).

Sing me to heaven was written by the composer Daniel E. Gawthrop. Gawthrop, a Virginian, has received commissions from Washington National Cathedral, the American Boychoir, and the Mormon Tabernacle Choir. “Sing Me to Heaven” was commissioned by Carol Hunter and the Virginia choir VOCE; Gawthrop’s wife, the writer Jane Griner, provided the text, and the work has become the composer’s best-loved composition.

Verbum supernum prodiens is a chant prescribed for the Feast of Corpus Christi (Thursday after Trinity Sunday). The text was written by St. Thomas Aquinas around 1264, along with another famous chant, *Pange lingua* (Hymnal 165).

Sunday, November 14 at 7:00 p.m.: Corey’s Gospel Hour



The West Gallery Choir and Guitar Ensemble invite you to Corey’s Gospel Hour in Valentine Hall. We’ll sing old gospel hymns, read wonderful poetry and hear songs by singer/guitarist Corey Axt and others.

News and Events

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