



**St. James's Episcopal Church**  
The Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost  
October 31, 2021  
9:00 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:** Ein feste Burg

Dietrich Buxtehude

**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**

*Celebrant*

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.*

**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.**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!

**Hymn 700 (vs. 1-2):** *Moseley*, “O love that casts out fear”

**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.

**Children’s Procession** (*The children may follow the clergy to Children’s Chapel at this time if they wish.*)

**Hymn 700 (vs. 3-4):** *Moseley*, “O love that casts out fear”

**Sermon:** The Reverend Hilary Streever

**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.

**Prayers of the People, Form VI**

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*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.*

Song: Hold to God's unchanging Hand

F. L. Eiland  
Words by Jennie Wilson

Time is filled with swift transition,  
Naught of earth unmoved can stand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand.

Trust in Him who will not leave you,  
Whatsoever years may bring,  
If by earthly friends forsaken  
Still more closely to Him cling.

*Refrain:* Hold to God's unchanging hand,  
Hold to God's unchanging hand,  
Build your hopes on things eternal.  
Hold to God's unchanging hand,

When your journey is completed,  
If to God you have been true,  
Fair and bright the home in glory  
Your enraptured soul will view

Covet not this world's vain riches  
That so rapidly decay,  
Seek to gain the heav'nly treasures,  
They will never pass away. *Refrain*

*During the singing of the Doxology, the children may come forward to the Chancel to see the celebration of the Eucharist.*

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**

*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.

*As the children return to their parents, the people sing.*

Hymn 417, v. 3: *Festival Canticle*, “This is the feast of victory”

## **Music at Communion**

Anthem: Taste and See

James Moore

*Refrain:* Taste and see the goodness of the Lord”

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
His praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for he has been so good to me. *Refrain*

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise his name.  
I called the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my troubles he set me free. *Refrain*

Worship the Lord all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
In him we need put all our trust. *Refrain*

### **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 you are 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 (vs. 1-5):** *Marion*, "Rejoice ye pure in heart!"

### **Dismissal**

*People* Thanks be to God.

## **Service Participants**

*Preacher:* The Reverend Hilary Streever

*Celebrant and Deacon:* The Reverend Dr. John McCard

*Assisting:* Lay Chaplain Blake Singer

*Lay Eucharistic Minister:* Susan Siegfried

*Lectors:* Sarah Hubbard, Cary Milley

*IWC Greeter:* Andy Bennett

*Musicians:* West Gallery Choir, Guitar Ensemble

*Soloists:* Mark Whitmire, Trey Sibley, Chris Rock

*Organist:* Virginia Ewing 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 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



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

*Taste and See* is a setting of Psalm 34 by Dr. James Moore, composer, pianist, and conductor. A native of LaCrosse, Virginia, Moore holds undergraduate degrees in both piano and vocal music education and graduate degrees in piano and choral conducting. *Taste and See* is included in the Episcopal hymnal, *Lift Every Voice and Sing*.

### **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.

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