



## Holy Eucharist, Rite II

ST. JAMES'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

September 13, 2020 | 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. at Rock Bottom  
Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

### Greeting and Announcements

**Prelude:** Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar and Molly Mason

**Introit:** Morning Song

M. Whitmire

Now that daylight fills the sky, we lift our hearts to God on high,  
that he, in all we do or say, would keep us free from harm this day.

To God, Creator, Heavenly Light, to Christ whose brightness ends all night,  
and to the Holy Ghost we raise our song of thankfulness and praise.

*While the pandemic prevents the congregation from singing aloud, we hope that you will be  
"making melody in your heart to the Lord" - Ephesians 5:19*

**Hymn:** *Land of Rest*, "I come with joy"

I come with joy, to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,  
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,  
the new community of love in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.  
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.

Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways  
and as his people in the world we'll live and speak his praise.

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People* And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

### Collect for Purity

**Song of Praise:** Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the first morning,  
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird.  
Praise for the singing Praise for the morning!  
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven,  
Like the first dew fall on the first grass.  
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,  
Sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning  
Born of the one light Eden saw play!  
Praise with elation, praise every morning,  
God's recreation of the new day!

## Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## Old Testament Lesson: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

## Psalm 114 *In exitu Israel*

Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt,  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

Judah became God's sanctuary  
and Israel his dominion.

The sea beheld it and fled;  
Jordan turned and went back.

The mountains skipped like rams,  
and the little hills like young sheep.

What ailed you, O sea, that you fled?  
O Jordan, that you turned back?

You mountains, that you skipped like rams?  
you little hills like young sheep?

Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord,  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

**Hymn:** *Slane*, “Be thou my vision “

Irish melody, arr. M. Whitmire

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art—  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, thine own shall I be;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with thee.

High King of heaven, when victory is won,  
May I reach heaven’s joys, bright heaven’s Sun!  
Heart of my heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

**Gospel:** Matthew 18:21-35

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. “For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*Deacon* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People* Praise to you, Lord Christ.

**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 III**

*Leader* Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

*People* That we all may be one.

*Leader* Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

*People* That your Name may be glorified by all people.

*Leader* We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

*People* That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

*Leader* We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

*People* That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

*Leader* Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

*People* That our works may find favor in your sight.

*Leader* Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

*People* That they may be delivered from their distress.

*Leader* Give to the departed eternal rest.

*People* Let light perpetual shine upon them.

*Leader* We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

*People* May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

*Leader* Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*The People may add their own petitions.*

### **Other Prayers**

#### **Peace**

### **The Holy Communion**

#### **Offering of Gifts and Praise**

Solo: Is there anybody here that loves my Jesus?

Spiritual, arr. Undine Smith Moore

Is there anybody here that loves my Jesus? Anybody here that loves my Lord?

I want to know, do you love my Jesus? I want to know, do you love my Lord?

Although you see me goin' a long so, I have my trials here below,

This world's a wilderness of woe; So let us all to glory go.

Is there anybody here, I want to know, I want to know, I want to know,

Do you love-a my Lord?

### **The Great Thanksgiving, Prayer B**

## **Sursum corda**

*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.

## **Sanctus**

*Celebrant and People*  
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.

## **Memorial Acclamations**

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*  
We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;

## **Lord's Prayer**

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**

*At this time the People consume their Bread and Wine.*

## **Music at Communion**

Hymn: Softly and tenderly

Will L. Thompson

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling, calling for you and for me;  
Patiently Jesus is waiting and watching, watching for you and for me!

*Refrain:* Come home! Come home! Ye who are weary, come home!  
Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, calling, O sinner, come home!

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading, pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies, mercies for you and for me? *Ref*

Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing, passing from you and from me;  
Shadows are gathering, death's night is coming, coming for you and for me. *Ref*

Oh, for the wonderful love he has promised, promised for you and for me!  
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon, pardon for you and for me! *Ref*

## **Postcommunion Prayer**

*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:** *New Britain*, “Amazing Grace”

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come;  
'tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.

## Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Postlude:** Flowers of the Dell/The Cuckoo's Nest

Irish Traditional

*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of  
Eliza Pleasants West, B. Dale Davis, Roberta Kyle West, and Robert Kyle West*

## Service Participants

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

*Deacon:* The Reverend Hilary Streever

*Lectors at 8:30:* Sarah Hubbard, Ann and Brewster Rawls

*Lectors at 11:00:* Jennifer Pollard, Kristen and Kevin Rosengren

*Musicians*

*Singer:* Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Soprano

*Fiddler:* Molly Sharp

*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 the sick and in need:* especially Mary Lee Allen, The family of Eleanor Angle, Bill Angus, Cheri Harrell Anthony, Susan Bain, Susan Bloor, Butch and Tedi Butler, Alice Campbell, Susan Campbell, Matt Curtis, Buddy Derrick, Craig Ellisson, Allyson Wall Flannigan, Cameron Flippen, Susan Goff, Charlotte Harbach, Mary Harrison, Virginia Hopper, Bernadette Howard, Chuckie Jackson, Palmer Johnson, Roy Lambertson, Katy and Ben Lawson, Emma Mason, Rosalyn McCard, Eve McCray, Keith McMullin, Bunky Miller, Charlie Miller, Carrie Montague, Harry Moore, Jim Morano, Darlene Ogden, Linda Owen, Jess Pillmore, Katherine Reynolds, Josalyn Riveria, Vicki Sabatella, Derrick Satter, Barry Scott, Geoff Sisk, Jaime Stefan, Willsey Valentine, David Wilkinson, Bodie Williamson, Amy, Eric, Kelly, Paul, and Woody

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

*For those serving in our Armed Forces:* especially Howard Eckstein

*For those about to be baptized:* especially James Walter Gochenhour and Mazie Lane Sadler

*For the recently married:* especially Emily Jane Rawls and Timothy Davis Silver

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week:* especially Sawyer Brooks, Sarah Innes, Patti Loughridge, Reps Sundin, Brooke Taylor, Ned Turnbull, and Diana Wickersham who celebrate their birthdays today

*For those who have died recently:* especially John Flannigan, Jack MacKenzie, The Reverend Dr. Steven Peay, and Phyllis DeMaurizi

### Music Notes



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

**Today, September 13**, services at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. at Rock Bottom

*Now as daylight fills the sky* was composed for this service. The original Latin text is ancient – dating to the fifth or sixth century. By the eighth century it was always sung at the morning service of Prime. My setting is an incantation that lifts up our praises to God and calls down God’s protective presence.

*Be thou my vision* is a prayer of the Irish monastic tradition. The words, which may be as ancient as the 8<sup>th</sup> century, are an example of a Celtic *lorica* (meaning “breastplate”), an incantation recited for protection, arming oneself for physical or spiritual battle. The tune *Slane* is named for a hill in County Meath upon which, according to the *Confessions of Saint Patrick*, the saint defied the command of the pagan King Loigaire (A.D. 428-467) by lighting the Paschal fire at the Easter Vigil. I arranged *Be thou my vision* for Molly Sharp, whose performance you can see at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-87qrIBykLo>

*Is there anybody here* is a spiritual arranged by Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989). Moore grew up in Petersburg, Virginia, and taught piano, organ and music theory at Virginia State University from 1927 – 1972. She was often referred to as the “Dean of Black Women Composers,” was named music laureate of Virginia in 1977, and received numerous awards, including The Virginia Governor’s Award in the Arts in 1985. Her oratorio about Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., *Scenes from the Life of a Martyr*, was nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

*Softly and Tenderly* was composed by Will L. Thompson in 1880. Thompson was a member of the Churches of Christ, the Christian denomination in which both Virginia and I were raised. The hymn has spread into the repertoire of various denominations and has been recorded many times. The film *The Trip to Bountiful* (1985) makes recurrent use of the song, particularly a recording of it by Cynthia Clawson.

**Next Sunday, September 20**, services at 8:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the parking lot adjacent to Michaux House (now called St. Francis Outdoor Chapel)

8:30 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. - Morning Prayer. Our Cantor will be Liz Nance, singing *A Celtic Blessing* (M. Whitmire)

5:30 p.m. - Jazz Mass with the Jason Jenkins trio and Cantor Lisa Edwards Burrs singing *Come Sunday* (Ellington)

In case you missed **St. James’s Virtual Choir**, here are links:

[Sicut cervus](#)

[Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake](#)