

Bluegrass Mass



Praise him with timbrel and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe.

~ Psalm 150:4

St. James's Episcopal Church
October 17, 2021

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21st Sunday after Pentecost

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9:00 a.m.

Holy Eucharist

Prelude

Psalm 150 (Dizzy's Dance)

Mark Whitmire

Praise him with timbrel and dance;
praise him with strings and pipe.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

I'm Bound for the Land of Canaan

Albert E. Brumley

Refrain: Oh, yes I'm bound for the land of Canaan
By the love and grace of God surely I'm gainin'
Some happy day with all the ransomed I'll stand
Singin' His praise over in Canaan's happy land

I've started for a city on that bright eternal shore
Where the saints of God shall gather and live forevermore
It's a land of love and pure delight where my possessions lie
And I'm bound for the land of Canaan when I die *Refrain*

Oh the land of rest eternal where the living waters flow
Everyday I'm getting nearer to its portals this I know
Some sweet mornin' I'll be singin' glory, glory to the Lamb
And I'm bound for the land of Canaan, yes I am *Refrain*

Daniel prayed

Ralph Stanley/G. T. Speer

I read about a man one day
He wasted not his time away
He prayed to God, every morning, noon, and night
He cared not for the things avail
But trusted one who never fails
Ole Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night

Refrain: Old Daniel served the living God
While upon this earth he trod
He prayed to God every morning, noon, and night
He cared not for the king's decrees
But trusted God to set him free
Ole Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night

They locked him in the lions' den
 Because he would not honor men
 But he prayed to God every morning, noon, and night
 The jaws were locked; it made him shout
 God soon brought him safely out
 Oh, Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night *Refrain*

Now, brother, let us watch and pray
 Like Daniel did from day to day
 He prayed to God every morning, noon, and night
 We, too, can gladly dare and do
 And pray to God he'll see us through
 Oh, Daniel prayed every morning, noon, and night *Refrain*

Hymn: I'll fly away

Traditional

1. Some glad morn - ing when this life is o'er, I'll fly a - way
 2. When the sha - dows of this life have done, I'll fly a - way
 3. Just a few more wear - y days and then, I'll fly a - way,
 to a home on God's ce - les - tial shore. I'll fly a - way.
 like a bird from pri - son bars has flown, I'll fly a - way.
 to a land where joys shall nev - er end. I'll fly a - way.
 I'll fly a - way, old glo - ry, I'll fly a - way.
 When I die, hal - le - lu - jah by and by, I'll fly a - way.

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

People And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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 (*Choir*)

M. Whitmire

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

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Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament Job 38:1-7, 34-41

Then the LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind: "Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge? Gird up your loins like a man, I will question you, and you shall declare to me. "Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell me, if you have understanding. Who determined its measurements – surely you know! Or who stretched the line upon it? On what were its bases sunk, or who laid its cornerstone when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy? Can you lift up your voice to the clouds, so that a flood of waters may cover you? Can you send forth lightnings, so that they may go and say to you, 'Here we are'? Who has put wisdom in the inward parts, or given understanding to the mind? Who has the wisdom to number the clouds? Or who can tilt the waterskins of the heavens, when the dust runs into a mass and the clods cling together? "Can you hunt the prey for the lion, or satisfy the appetite of the young lions, when they crouch in their dens, or lie in wait in their covert? Who provides for the raven its prey, when its young ones cry to God, and wander about for lack of food?"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Song of Praise: O love that will not let me go

Christopher Miner

(Verse 1: Soloist; Verses 2-4: Congregation)

1. O Love that will not let me go, I rest my weary
 2. O Light that follow'st all my way, I yield my flick'ring
 3. O Joy that seek'st me through pain, I cannot close my
 4. O Cross that lift'st up my head, I dare not ask to

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 soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, That in thine ocean
 torch to thee; My heart restores its borrowed ray, That in thy sun-shine's
 heart to thee; I trace the rainbow through the rain, And feel the promise
 fly from thee; I lay in dust life's glory dead, And from the ground there

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 depths its flow May richer full-er be.
 blaze its day May brighter fair-er be.
 is not vain, That morn shall tear-less be.
 blos - soms red Life that shall end - less be.

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint Mark
 People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you." And he said to them, "What is it you want me to do for you?" And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory." But Jesus said to them, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?" They replied, "We are able." Then Jesus said to them, "The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared." When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, "You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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

Sermon: The Reverend Dr. John McCard

Prayers of the People

Priest The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

The Congregation is invited to lift up their prayers during the periods of silence.

We bring to God those we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray. *Silence*

We bring to God those who are hurting today and who need our prayers. *Silence*

We bring to God a troubled situation in our world today. *Silence*

We bring to God those we find hard to forgive or trust. *Silence*

We bring ourselves to God, that we might grow in generosity of spirit, clarity of mind, and warmth of affection. *Silence*

Priest Please join me in lifting up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

Priest and People

Bless Arthur and family, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Steve Barnett, O. Christian Bredrup, Jr., Henry Carwile, the Corey family, LaRose Daniels, Decker/Gephert family, Tom Evelyn, Leigh Hulcher, Roxanne James, David Johnson, George Longest, Matt Mattox, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Claire Miller, Harry Moore, Adah Parashar, Peter Pfohl, Courtenay Reynolds, Bradford Smith, Jay Stegmaier, Jessie Sumrell, Evelyn Sutton, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Amy Woodell, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Ben and Eloise, Dylan, Elaine, and Melissa

The Priest continues.

Gracious God, forgive us for forgetting that you made us in your image and sent us here to do your work of reconciliation. Forgive us for forgetting you are in charge and know what needs to be done to heal this broken world. Walk with us, and teach us, so that in listening to you we can stand strong as followers of Christ. We pledge to you our hearts, our talents, and our treasure. Emboldened by your love, we can say, "Here I am. Use me." *Amen.*

People and Priest

Lord Jesus Christ,

you draw and welcome us,

emptied of pride and hungry for your grace,

to this your kingdom's feast.

Nowhere can we find the food for which our souls cry out,

but here, Lord, at your table.

Invigorate and nourish us, good Lord,

that in and through this bread and wine

your love may meet us and your life complete us

in the power and glory of your kingdom. Amen.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Higher Ground

Johnson Oatman, Jr.

I'm pressing on the upward way,
New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day;
Still praying as I'm onward bound,
"Lord, plant my feet on higher ground."

Refrain: Lord, lift me up, and let me stand
By faith, on heaven's tableland;
A higher plane than I have found,
Lord, plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay
Where doubts arise and fears dismay;
Though some may dwell where these abound,
My prayer, my aim, is higher ground. *Refrain*

Children will remain in the pew with their parents during communion this morning.

Doxology

Praise to God, im - mor - tal praise for the love that crowns our days,
boun - teous source of ev - ery joy, let thy praise our tongues em - ploy;
all to thee, our God, we owe, source whence all our bless - ings flow.

Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant Is God with us?
People God is.
Celebrant Is Christ among us?
People Christ is.
Celebrant Is the Spirit here?
People The Spirit is.
Celebrant This is our God:
People Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Celebrant We are God's people,
People We are redeemed.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to God.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the God of love.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right to praise you, God of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

People You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

Celebrant In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

People He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Celebrant On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

People Eternal God, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

Celebrant At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

People Eternal God, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

Celebrant As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

People As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Celebrant

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the
eternal song of heaven:

Sanctus (*Choir*)

M. Whitmire

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of Hosts.
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant

And now as our Savior Jesus 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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Christ is alive forever.

People We are because he is.

Celebrant We are one body.

People We share one bread.

Celebrant Draw near with faith.

People Christ is the host and we are his guests.

Presentation of the Gifts

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of God.

It is made ready for those who love Christ and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little,

you who have been here often and you who have not been here long,

you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is God who invites you.

Behold what you are.

Become what you receive.

The people sing

This is the Feast

M. Whitmire

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This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. al-le - lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia!

Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: 'This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. al-le - lu-ia, al - le - lu-ia!' and 'Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion.' The number '9' is written above the second staff.

All are invited to receive communion. Gluten-free wafers available on request.

The ushers will direct you to one of three Communion stations.

Music during Communion

Wondrous Love

Shape-note Hymn from *The Southern Harmony, 1835*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

When I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
I'll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity I'll sing on.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul.

Keep on the sunny side

A. P. Carter

There's a dark and a troubled side of life.
There's a bright and a sunny side too.
Though we meet with the darkness and strife,
The sunny side we also may view.

Refrain: Keep on the sunny side, always on the sunny side,
Keep on the sunny side of life.
It will help us every day, it will brighten all our way,
If we keep on the sunny side of life.

The storm and its fury break today,
Crushing hopes that we cherish so dear.
Clouds and storms will in time pass away.
The sun again will shine bright and clear. *Refrain*

Let us greet with a song of hope each day
Though the moments be cloudy or fair.
Let us trust in our Saviour always,
To keep us, every one, in His care. *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.

Ashokan Farewell

Jay Ungar

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant All your works praise you, O God.
All And your faithful servants bless you.
Gracious God
We thank you for feeding us
With the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
May we, who share his body,
Live his risen life;
We, who drink his cup,
Bring life to others;
We, whom the Spirit lights,
Give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
So that we and all your children shall be free,
And the whole earth live to praise your name;
Through Christ our God. Amen.

Blessing

Hymn: I saw the light (*Congregation joins choir in singing verses 2-3*)

Hank Williams



I wan-dered so aim-less, life filled with sin. I would-n't let my dear Sav-our in.
Just like a blind man, I wan-dered a-long, wor-ries and fears, I claimed for my own.
I was a fool to wan-der and stray, for straight is the gate and nar-row the way.

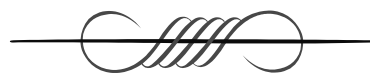
Then Je-sus came like a stran-ger in the night. Praise the Lord, I saw the Light.
Then like the blind man, that God gave back his sight, Praise the Lord, I saw the Light.
Now I have tra-ded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord, I saw the Light.

I saw the Light, I saw the Light, No more dark-ness, no more night.

Now I'm so hap-py, no sor-row in sight. Praise the Lord, I saw the Light.

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.



*The flowers are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Mr. and Mrs. James Ashby Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. James Ashby Moncure, Jr.,
Mr. and Mrs. George Vowles Moncure, Mr. and Mrs. Jewett Parker Moncure,
and Dr. Alton R. Sharpe*

Service Participants

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| Preacher & Celebrant | The Reverend Dr. John McCard |
| Deacon | The Reverend Hilary Streever |
| Assisting | The Reverend Dr. Robert Friend |
| Assisting | Lay Chaplain Blake Singer |
| Lay Eucharistic Minister | Stacy Brinkley |
| Lector | Linda Owen |
| IWC Greeters | Andy and Dick Bennett |

Guitar Ensemble

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| Jeff Herget | Alan Stone |
| Knox Hubard | Sam Zimmer |
| Kevin Murray | |

West Gallery Choir

| Soprano | Alto | Tenor | Bass |
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| Nancy Goodall | Jennifer Ascoli | George Bishop | Jeff Herget |
| Jane Harrison | Anne Daniel | Kevin Murray | Ray Inscoe |
| Mary Horton | Lisa Mock | Chris Rock | Alan Stone |
| Sabrina LaFleur | Jane Thompson | | Patrick Strickler |
| Jeanne Lapierre | Karen Townsend | | Bill Thrower |
| Anita Lisk | | | |
| Judy Moog | | | |
| Diane Wright | | | |

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| Director of Music | Dr. Mark Alexander Whitmire |
| Choirmaster | Virginia Ewing Whitmire |

Soloists

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| I'm bound for the Land of Canaan | Knox Hubard, George Bishop |
| Daniel Prayed | George, Anita Lisk, Tarran Turvey |
| Gloria | Chris Rock |
| O love that will not let me go | Diane Wright |
| Higher Ground | Anita, Kevin Murray, Diane |
| Wondrous Love | Ray Inscoe, Kevin, Chris, Patrick Strickler, Alan Stone |
| Keep on the sunny side | Tarran, Alan |
| I saw the light | Knox |

Guest Musicians

CHARLES ARTHUR is a versatile multi-instrumentalist who has toured with Slaid Cleaves, Caroline Herring, and Wayne ‘the Train’ Hancock. In Richmond he has been heard playing with Johnny Hott’s Piedmont Souprize, Chez Roue, and Page Wilson’s Reckless Abandon, on his own, and with many others. At home in just about every style of American music, his primary instruments are guitar, lap steel, and dobro, though he can be heard playing fiddle, banjo, piano, autoharp, upright bass, and drums. He is also on the faculty of the University of Richmond as a guitar, banjo, and mandolin instructor.

ELLEN COCKERHAM RICCIO has served as Principal Second Violinist of the Richmond Symphony since 2009. During her time in Richmond, she has launched several community outreach initiatives, including Classical Revolution RVA, A Violinist in Your Backyard, and a series called So Hot Right Now which highlights music by living composers. A native of Portland, Oregon, Ellen holds a Bachelor’s and a Master’s Degree from the Cleveland Institute of Music. When visiting family in the Pacific Northwest, she often plays with a bluegrass gospel band called Hand Picked made up entirely of her relatives.

TARRAN TURVEY grew up in Ohio in a family that celebrated with music. After moving to Richmond, she joined the Sleepy Hollow Bluegrass band, formed by fellow members of her praise band. Tarran is a lead vocalist and plays both the hammer dulcimer and the acoustic bass. The band focuses on music ministry and private events, playing traditional bluegrass, New Grass and “grassified” covers. Tarran’s daughter, Gavin, sings in the Children’s Choir and her son, Miles, sings in the Cherub Choir. She gladly shares the title of Choir Mom (a.k.a. Cookie Lady to the Cherubs).

Prayers of the People

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

For the sick and in need: especially Bless Arthur and family, Elizabeth Austin, Susan Bain, Jennifer Ball, Steve Barnett, O. Christian Bredrup, Jr., Henry Carwile, the Corey family, LaRose Daniels, Decker/Gephert family, Tom Evelyn, Leigh Hulcher, Roxanne James, David Johnson, George Longest, Matt Mattox, Eve McCray, Bunky Miller, Claire Miller, Harry Moore, Adah Parashar, Peter Pfohl, Courtenay Reynolds, Bradford Smith, Jay Stegmaier, Jessie Sumrell, Evelyn Sutton, Sue Swartwout, Ginger Trice, Amy Woodell, Erin Wright, Cassandra and family, Ben and Eloise, Dylan, Elaine, and Melissa

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

For those who work for the safety, education, and flourishing of all children: especially our outreach partners Peter Paul Development Center, SCAN, and St. James’s Children Center.

For all celebrating their birthdays this week: especially Virginia Ballowe, Audrey Bauhan, Whitt Clement, Jr., Walker Cummins, Kristen Dize, Gavin Greenwalt, John Mahoney, Jr., Sydnor Newman, and Diane Wright who celebrate their birthdays today.

For those who have died recently: especially Sara Elizabeth Savage Sharp

Music Calendar

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| November 14 <i>Sunday, 7:00 pm</i> | Corey's Gospel Hour: Readings & Old Time Gospel Hymns and Original Songs Led by local musician, Corey Axt in Valentine Hall |
| November 25 <i>Thursday, 10:00 am</i> | Thanksgiving Day Festival Holy Eucharist Parish Choir |
| December 5 <i>Sunday, 5:00 pm</i> | Advent Lessons and Carols West Gallery Choir and Youth Choir |
| December 13 <i>Monday, 7:00 pm</i> | Our Christmas Hope: A Service of Remembrance, Healing and Comfort Music from the Celtic tradition |
| December 24 <i>Friday, 4:00 pm</i> | Christmas Eve Family Eucharist Cherub Choir and Children's Choir |
| <i>6:00 pm</i> | Christmas Eve Holy Eucharist West Gallery Choir and Youth Choir |
| <i>10:30 pm</i> | Christmas Eve Choral Prelude Parish Choir and Strings Handel: <i>Messiah (Part I)</i> |
| <i>11:00 pm</i> | Candlelight Holy Eucharist |
| January 16 <i>Sunday, 5:00 pm</i> | Martin Luther King, Jr. Evensong Norfolk State University Choir (Dr. Harlan Zachery, Director) Parish Choir, West Gallery Choir, Youth Choir Dr. Carl Haywood, Guest Conductor and Organist |
| February 13 <i>Sunday, 5:00 pm</i> | Evensong St. James's Youth Choir |
| February 20 <i>Sunday, 11:15 am</i> | Choral Eucharist: <i>Mass in G minor</i> , Ralph Vaughan Williams Parish Choir |
| March 27 <i>Sunday, 9:00 am</i> | Dylan Mass West Gallery Choir and Guitar Ensemble |
| April 17 <i>Sunday, 9 & 11:15 am</i> | Easter Day Festival Holy Eucharist St. James's Choirs with Trumpet and Timpani |
| May 29 <i>Sunday, 7:00 pm</i> | Memorial Concert: <i>Requiem</i> , Maurice Duruflé St. James's Choirs and Orchestra |
| June 5 <i>Sunday, 10:00 am</i> | Jazz Eucharist: Music by Duke Ellington and Mark Whitmire John Winn Band and St. James's Choirs |

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