



St. James's Episcopal Church

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 28, 2022

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: Suite in D

da Vinci

Hymn 450 (vs. 1-3, 6): *Coronation*, "All hail the power of Jesus' Name"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer 355

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

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

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament: Jeremiah 2:4-13

Hear the word of the Lord, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the Lord: What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, "Where is the Lord who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?" I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, "Where is the Lord?" Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit. Therefore once more I accuse you, says the Lord, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the Lord, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 81:1, 10-16 *Exultate Deo*

BCP 704

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

Sing with joy to God our strength *

and raise a loud shout to the God of Jacob.

I am the Lord your God,
who brought you out of the land of Egypt and said, *
 “Open your mouth wide, and I will fill it.”
And yet my people did not hear my voice, *
 and Israel would not obey me.
So I gave them over to the stubbornness of their hearts, *
 to follow their own devices.
Oh, that my people would listen to me! *
 that Israel would walk in my ways!
I should soon subdue their enemies *
 and turn my hand against their foes.
Those who hate the Lord would cringe before him, *
 and their punishment would last for ever.
But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat *
 and satisfy him with honey from the rock.

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, “I will never leave you or forsake you.” So we can say with confidence, “The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?” Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Hymn 705: *Forest Green*, “As those of old their first fruits brought”

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. “When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” He also said to the one who had invited him, “When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.”

Deacon The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

Nicene Creed

BCP 358

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.

The Prayers of the People, Form III

BCP 387

Let us open our hearts to God. Please kneel as you are able.

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church; *That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons:
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;
That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest; *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

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

Silence

We pray for all in our congregation who are grieving and in need of care, as well as those who provide care to the grieving and those in need, especially our Stephen Ministers.

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

Mary Lee Allen, Rie Anderson, Steve Barnett, Jeanie Beal, Hylah Boyd, Stacy Burrs, Virginia Cooper, Cindy Daiger, Buddy Derrick, John Downing, Tommy Edwards, Tom Evelyn, Will Fackler, Nadine Green, Jennifer Griffith, Jamie Gugino, Ernest Haufe, Anne Heffner, Barbara Hunt, Anne Malone, Matt Mattox, Ray McCard, Bunky Miller, Sallie Modlin, John Murphy, Scott Osburn, Carol Piersol, Nancy Raible, Ronnie Raigins, Courtenay Reynolds, Danny Rumble, Larry Sandberg, Bobbie Smith, Bradford Smith, Emma Thurman, Anne Turnbull, Bobbie Ukrop, Betsy Wallace, Erin Wright, Ben and Eloise, Ace, Brenda, David, Georgia, and Thom

The Priest continues.

Celebrant

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Deacon 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

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.

Solo: If God be for us (*Messiah*)

G. F. Handel

If God be for us who can be against us?
Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect?
It is God that justifieth. Who is he that condemneth?
It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again,
who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

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.

For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, Blessed James, our patron and all the 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.

Music at Communion

Solo: How beautiful are the feet (*Messiah*)

Handel

How beautiful are the feet of them
that preach the gospel of peace,
and bring glad tidings of good things.
Their sound is gone out into all lands,
and their words unto the ends of the world.

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.

Hymn 317: *Moorestead*, “This is the hour of banquet and of song”

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 347: *Litton*, “Go forth for God”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Finale from *Concerto No. 5*

Handel

*The flowers at the Altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Mr. Harry A. Turton, Sr. and Quarrier Turton*

Service Participants

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

Preacher: The Reverend Amelia Arthur

Lectors: Yvonne Gibney, Patty Duffy

Greeter: DeWitt Casler

Musicians

Singers: Heather Jones, Chris Rock

Soloist: Charles Humphries

Organist: Virginia Ewing Whitmire

Director of Music: Dr. Mark Whitmire

Prayers of the People

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for Sunday School teachers and Youth leaders

For healthcare workers, first responders and all frontline workers

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

For the recently married: especially Tucker Valentine Brown, son of Margaret Valentine Brown and Thomas Rutherford Brown, and Anna Elizabeth Clarkson, daughter of Mary Pappas Clarkson and William Walton Clarkson, Jr., who were married yesterday

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays this weekend: Charlotte Ross Allen, Jamie Boyd, Princess Daniel, and Clair Willett

For those who have died recently: especially Martha Lou Derrick, Grace Hamilton Bailey Lindner, and Alden MacArthur

Stephen Ministry

If you or someone you know is going through a difficult or challenging season, our Stephen Ministers are here to help. Stephen Ministers have gone through extensive training to offer free, confidential, and distinctively Christian care to those going through difficult seasons ranging from job transitions, to the birth of a child, to an extended illness or the death of a loved one. For more information about Stephen Ministry, or to request a Stephen Minister for yourself or someone you know, please contact Blake Singer (bsinger@doers.org) or Jane Dowrick (dowhitz52@gmail.com).

Stephen Ministers: Ellen Buoyer, Bennette Burks, Carol Ann Fuller, Sam Fuller, John Gibney, Yvonne Gibney, Judy Philpott, and Robin Price

Stephen Leaders: Jane Dowrick, Patty Duffy, John McCard, and Blake Singer

News and Events

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Music Notes

This morning's music includes two arias from Handel's *Messiah*, sung by countertenor Charles Humphries. The text of *If God be for us* is from Romans 8:33-34. The text of *How beautiful are the feet* is adapted from Isaiah 52:7 and Romans 10:18.

Charles' vocal career began in the United Kingdom as a 7-year-old chorister at Salisbury Cathedral and since those days, music has taken him to all parts of the globe. After graduating from the Royal Academy of Music, he was honored with the letters ARAM (Associate Royal Academy of Music) for his services to music. Known for his intelligent interpretations of baroque and renaissance music he has been one of the most sought after countertenors worldwide for the past twenty-five years. Throughout that time his career has paired him with a number of very distinguished conductors and directors including Sir John Eliot Gardiner, Richard Hickox, Paul McCreesh, Robert King, Rinaldo Alessandrini, Nicholas McGegan, James O'Donnell, Trevor Pinnock and Lars Ulrik Mortensen. As a consort singer and soloist he has made over forty recordings. Charles recently moved to Richmond, and we are delighted that he will join us as a Section Leader in both the West Gallery Choir (9:00 a.m.) and the Parish Choir (11:15 a.m.) this Fall.

Join a choir

If you've been considering joining a choir, the time is now. Schedules are going out, rosters are being created and folders are being filled. Worshipping in the choir is unlike any other form of worship. Not only are you leading the praise of our parish on Sunday morning, but for several weeks in advance, through the words of the anthems, you've been pondering the scriptures that are designated for that day's worship. The music is a tool for deepening faith and understanding. And then...there's the sheer fun of it all: coming together as a community to make music! Below are some of the special fun, musical reasons for joining the choir this year:



- Parish Choir – Residency at Gloucester Cathedral
- West Gallery Choir – U2 Celtic Mass, Corey's Gospel Hour, Dylan Mass
- Cherub and Children's Choir – Blessing of the Animals, Pageant
- Youth Choir – Advent Lessons and Carols, Pageant, Youth Sunday
- Joint Choirs – MLK Gospel Evensong, Jazz Mass

All are welcome. Call 355-179, ext. 323 or 324 for more information.