



**St. James's Episcopal Church**  
The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost  
August 7, 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:** Vater unser im Himmelreich

Georg Böhm

**Hymn 401:** *Leoni*, "The God of Abraham praise"

**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.

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* And also with you.

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**Old Testament:** Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" and Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Psalm 33:12-22** *Exultate, just!*

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

Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*

happy the people he has chosen to be his own!

The Lord looks down from heaven, \*

and beholds all the people in the world.

From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*

on all who dwell on the earth.

He fashions all the hearts of them \*

and understands all their works.

There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*

a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.

The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*

for all its strength it cannot save.

Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon those who fear him, \*

on those who wait upon his love,

To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.  
Our soul waits for the Lord; \*  
he is our help and our shield.  
Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.  
Let your loving-kindness, O Lord, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

**Epistle:** Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in a land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old - and Sarah herself was barren - because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* Thanks be to God.

**Hymn 558:** *St. Catherine*, "Faith of our Fathers!"

**Gospel:** Luke 12:32-40

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

*People* Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

*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, John Downing, Tommy Edwards, Tom Evelyn, Will Fackler, Nadine Green, Jennifer Griffith, Jamie Gugino, Ernest Haufe, Anne Heffner, Barbara Hunt,

Matt Mattox, Ray McCard, Bunky Miller, Sallie Modlin, Scott Osburn, Carol Piersol, 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, David and Georgia

*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.

## **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.*

Hymn: “I vow to thee my country” (see insert)

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**

Adagio in a, Bwv 564

J. S. Bach



## 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 383: *St. Elizabeth*, “Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature”

### 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 625: *Darwell's 148th*, “My soul, bear thou thy part”

### Dismissal

*People* Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Postlude: Chaconne in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

### Service Participants

*Celebrant:* The Reverend Dr. Doug Wigner

*Preacher:* The Reverend Amelia Arthur

*Deacon:* The Reverend Blake Singer

*Greeter:* Melinda Davis

*Musicians*

*Singers:* Chris Rock, Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs

*Guest Organist:* Casey Dunaway

*Director of Music:* Dr. Mark Whitmire

### Prayers of the People

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

*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 those about to be baptized:* especially Ann Whelan Hatcher who will be baptized at St. James's next Sunday

*For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today:* Elizabeth Harvard, Michael Hoke, Marshall Lynch, Wood Millen, Joan Neal, Gwyn Torbert, and John Young, Jr.

*For those who have died recently:* especially Marshall Earl, Jr.

### **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](mailto:bsinger@doers.org)) or Jane Dowrick ([dowhitz52@gmail.com](mailto: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, Blake Singer, and Chamie Valentine

### **News and Events**

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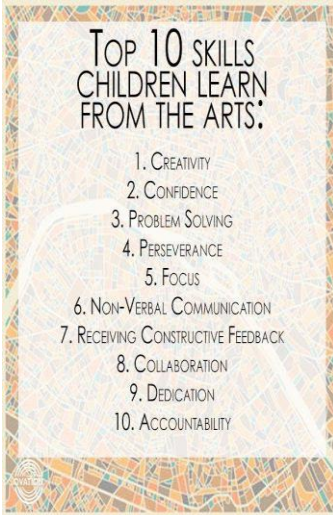


## Music Notes



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

### Join a Choir this Fall



Cherub Choir (*K to Gr 2*), Children’s Choir (*Gr 3 to 5*), Youth Choir (*Gr 6 to 12*), West Gallery Choir, Parish Choir or Guitar Ensemble. If you have any questions or are ready to sign up, give us a call at 355.1779, ext. 323 (Mark) or 324 (Virginia) or email us at [mwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:mwhitmire@doers.org) or [vwhitmire@doers.org](mailto:vwhitmire@doers.org). If you would like to learn to sing or improve your singing, join the Singing Class. We meet at 6:15 pm for six weeks, starting September 18.

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