



# St. James Episcopal Church

*Our commitment: Walk with God.*

**The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost**  
***June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2024***

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**Holy Eucharist, Rite Two**  
**June 16, 2024**

**Prelude Music:** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness, O God My Father*

Arr. Marianne Kim

**Processional Hymn:** #1 *Father, we praise thee, now the night is over (please stand)*

**The Word of God**

**Opening Acclamation**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 355*

*Celebrant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.**

*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 S-280**

**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**

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 230*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Keep, O Lord, your household the Church in your steadfast faith and love, that through your grace we may proclaim your truth with boldness, and minister your justice with compassion; for the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*(please be seated)*

**First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24**

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 92:1-4, 11-14**

*(please turn to page 720 in The Book of Common Prayer)*

*(We will read responsively as instructed by the Lector)*

## **Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17**

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Sequence Hymn: #589** *Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground*

## **Gospel: Mark 4:26-34**

*Celebrant*     The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

*People*       **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

*Celebrant*     The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*       **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon:** Rev. Dr. Jennifer L. Lazzuri

**The Nicene Creed** ~ *please stand and turn to page 358 in The Book of Common Prayer*

## **Prayers of the People**

*(Please be seated) (the congregation will respond with the **bold italicized words**.)*

Gracious God, open our ears to hear your word. Open our hearts to receive it and transform us. Make your Church the fertile ground in which your love can grow.

***People: In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.***

Give leaders everywhere a heart for their people and the commitment to the common good. Cultivate in each of us seeds of peace and justice.

**People:** *In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.*

We pray for healing for those who suffer from any ailment, or isolation, or want. We pray for a peaceful end for those who will die today. And comfort for those who mourn. Those for whom we pray today: **Allen & Lisa** Walton, **Warren & Pat** Gehle, **Carol** Coleman, **Ramona** Early Jeffries, **Ken** Pugh, **Thaddeus** Book, **Chester** Harvey, **Charlotte** Jones, **Kristin** Zonozi, **Rev. Hubert Hart**, **Amy** Weinstock, **Diane** Petrie, **Noah~Carlee & Baby** Verling, **Zac** Yarbrough, **Ken** Kress, **Janet** Williams, **Cheryl** Berg, **John** Cochrane, and **Nancy** Miller.

**People:** *In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.*

Strengthen your image in our lives that we may reflect your goodness, your righteousness, your kingdom in all that we say or do.

**People:** *In your mercy, Lord, hear our prayer.*

**Celebrant:** Gracious God, you entrusted your Son, Jesus, the child of Mary, to the care of Joseph, an earthly father. Bless all fathers as they care for their families. Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience; support them in the work they have to do, protecting those who look to them, as we look to you for love and salvation, through Jesus Christ our rock and defender. **Amen.**

### **Confession**

*The Book of Common Prayer, page 360*

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Celebrant & 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.**

### **Absolution**

**Celebrant** Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all yours 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 & Greeting**

**Celebrant** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

### **Announcements**

## **The Holy Communion**

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

**Celebrant** “If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new.” *2 Corinthians*

**Offertory Anthem:** *This Is My Father’s World* M. Babcock, 1901; F. Sheppard, 1915

**Doxology** *(please stand)*

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow / Praise Him all creatures here below  
Praise Him above ye heavenly host / Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*(please remain standing)*

*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* God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

**People** **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

*Celebrant* At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**People** **By your will they were created and have their being.**

*Celebrant* From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**People** **Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.**

*Celebrant* Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**People** **By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.**

*Celebrant* And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

### **Sanctus S-129**

**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.**

*(remain standing or kneel as you are able)*

*Celebrant* And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

*Celebrant and People*

**We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.**

*Celebrant* Lord God of our Fathers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**People** **Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

*Celebrant* Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 364*

**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* Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast.**

*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.

**Fraction Anthem:** *My flesh is food indeed*

**Communion Hymn: #209** *We walk by faith, and not by sight*

**Post-Communion Prayer** *(please kneel)*

*The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 366*

*Celebrant and People*

**Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Blessing:** May the Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, giving you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the wonderful works of God; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

**Recessional Hymn** from *Lift Every Voice & Sing II: #189* *Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father*

### **Dismissal**

*Celebrant* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

### **Postlude**

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**Those Who Serve Today**

Crucifer/Intinction Cup Holder: Greg Schumacher  
Chalice: Jill Schumacher  
Lector: Kim Williams (8) / Linda Brickey (10)  
Prayers of the People: Dale Williams (8) / Bill Treiber (10)  
Ushers: Jan & Ann Wisniewski  
Altar Guild: Linda Brickey  
Counters: Jill Schumacher / Patty Driskill

**Intercessions**

**Church Members:** Allen & Lisa Walton, Warren & Pat Gehle, Carol Coleman

**Family of Church Members:** Ramona Early Jeffries, Ken Pugh, Thaddeus Book, Chester Harvey, Charlotte Jones, Kristin Zonozi

**Friends of Church Members:** Rev. Hubert Hart, Amy Weinstock, Diane Petrie, Noah, Carlee & Baby Verling, Zac Yarbrough, Ken Kress, Janet Williams, Cheryl Berg, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For those in military service, especially: Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For clergy and congregation of Pohick, Lorton

For the departed: Stephen Treiber (Bill Treiber's brother)

**Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Thanksgivings:**

17-Beth Page, LaVahn & Mary-Frances Hoh; 20-Jeremy & Elizabeth Harvey, Chris & Kathy Campbell; 22-James & Kelsey Hill

*Announcements are on the back*

*Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."*

We welcome all visitors to St. James. If you would like to know more about our church family, please sign a pew card or the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here, so be sure to leave your contact information, including your mailing address, so that someone can contact you. Thank you for joining us this morning.

The flowers on the altar are given by Carol Coleman to the glory of God and in loving memory of Joe Coleman, and in honor of her family.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Bill & Paula Treiber on the death of Bill's brother, Stephen, who entered the nearer presence of Christ this week. *"May Stephen's rest be this day in peace and his dwelling place in the Paradise of God."*

Next Sunday there will be ONE service, Morning Prayer at 10:00am.

If you would like to give the altar flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please sign the flower chart on the Parish Hall bulletin board and take a form in the box below the chart for information/instructions. Thank you from the Altar Guild.

The Compassionate Care Team has placed a chart on the table in the Parish Hall to sign-up should you need a ride to an appointment or if you would like to provide a ride. The CCT looks forward to offering this service to our congregation.

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for July 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> at Louisa United Methodist Church. All children ages 3 to 12 are invited to attend – and older ones are welcome to help the adults with activities. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please see Linda Boxley.

# Happy Father's Day