



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

***Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
October 10th, 2021***

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Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
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Prelude

Processional Hymn #379 *God is love* (please stand)

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

The Book of Common Prayer, page 355

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

Celebrant & People

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 *(said or sung together)*

**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. 234

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

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated for the Lessons)

First Reading: Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Job said:
"Today also my complaint is bitter;
his hand is heavy despite my groaning.
Oh, that I knew where I might find him,
that I might come even to his dwelling!
I would lay my case before him,

and fill my mouth with arguments.
 I would learn what he would answer me,
 and understand what he would say to me.
 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?
 No; but he would give heed to me.
 There an upright person could reason with him,
 and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.
 "If I go forward, he is not there;
 or backward, I cannot perceive him;
 on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
 I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.
 God has made my heart faint;
 the Almighty has terrified me;
 If only I could vanish in darkness,
 and thick darkness would cover my face!"

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:1-15

The Book of Common Prayer, page 610

(We will read as instructed by the Lector)

1 My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? *
 and are so far from my cry and from the words of my distress?
2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but you do not answer; *
 by night as well, but I find no rest.
3 Yet you are the Holy One, *
 enthroned upon the praises of Israel.
4 Our forefathers put their trust in you; *
 they trusted, and you delivered them.
5 They cried out to you and were delivered; *
 they trusted in you and were not put to shame.
6 But as for me, I am a worm and no man, *
 scorned by all and despised by the people.
7 All who see me laugh me to scorn; *
 they curl their lips and wag their heads, saying,
8 "He trusted in the Lord; let him deliver him; *
 let him rescue him, if he delights in him."
9 Yet you are he who took me out of the womb, *
 and kept me safe upon my mother's breast.
10 I have been entrusted to you ever since I was born; *
 you were my God when I was still in my mother's womb.
11 Be not far from me, for trouble is near, *
 and there is none to help.
12 Many young bulls encircle me; *
 strong bulls of Bashan surround me.
13 They open wide their jaws at me, *
 like a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water; all my bones are out of joint; *
 my heart within my breast is melting wax.

15 My mouth is dried out like a pot-herd; my tongue sticks to the roof of my mouth; *
and you have laid me in the dust of the grave.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

Gospel: Mark 10:17-31 *(please stand)*

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

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

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

(please be seated)

The Homily: The Reverend Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Nicene Creed *(please stand)*

The Book of Common Prayer, page 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.**

Prayers of the People Form III

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 387

(please kneel or be seated 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, especially for **Michael**, our Presiding Bishop, **Susan, Jennifer and Porter**, our Bishops; for **Jennifer**, our Priest; and for the clergy and

congregations of **Emmanuel, Alexandria, Emmanuel, Harrisonburg, and Hanover with Brunswick, King George**; 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, especially **Marie Bowers, Jeffrey Luck and Merle Butler**; 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. We pray for: **Diane Alfano, Pat Nolen, Mike Breen, Marie Farrell, Howard Scheurenbrand, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski, Shirley Walton Schaffer, Nancy Miller, Joan Brennan, Karen Weaver, Billy Cannon, George & Marnie Stant, May Joswick & family, Michael Goldsmith, Julie Hall & family, Nan, Martha, Gary, Sandy Jones, Randy Vasold, Sandy Voellinger, Brenda Anderson, Lola Casey, Gayle Salisbury, Martha C. Tillman, Jen Martin, Chris Stanley, and Katrina Stephenson.**

For those in military service, including **Brandon Wilson, Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Gieser.**

We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including **Barbara Primiani and Paula Treiber. And a belated Happy 90th Birthday to Cig Gessford!**

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 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 *(please stand)*

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 you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.

Offertory Anthem: *Bread of Life* arr. Lee G. Barrow

Doxology (*please stand*)

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C *The Book of Common Prayer*, pg. 369

(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-125 *Holy, holy, holy Lord*

**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.

(please 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,

Celebrant and People

The Book of Common Prayer, page 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 Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

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 S-129

Communion Meditation

Post-Communion Prayer *(please kneel)*

The Book of Common Prayer, page 365

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

Recessional Hymn #707 *Take my life and let it be*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia
People **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

You may notice that Eucharist looks a little different.

Due to Covid, we have had to adjust some of our typical practices while abiding to our theological understanding of the Common Cup. We as Episcopalians drink from one Common Cup as opposed to individual cups as practice.

Jesus took one cup and gave it to all of his disciples to drink. He did not merely pour wine into the disciples' individual cups and tell them to drink. By one cup we are reminded that we cannot drink it alone. We drink from a common cup as a strong symbol of unity and our willingness to accept each other. We share our love and lives as we share the cup. It is a cup of love and unity.

To honor and recognize (and remain safe) during this time of Covid, Rev. Jennifer will be blessing the flagon (that which contains the wine) and hand it to a chalice bearer who will distribute the wine into individual cups. We recognize that we are unified through the one vessel of wine.

All are welcome to partake in Eucharist. No matter who you are or where you come from, the Lord invites you to the table. It is at the table that Christ will meet you. Come.

If you are uncomfortable for any reason, you may come to the altar and partake in Bread only or you may come and simply cross your arms over your chest and Rev. Jennifer will offer you a blessing instead of Eucharist.

Intercessions

Church Members: Diane Alfano, Mike Breen, Pat Nolen, Marie Farrell, Howard Scheurenbrand, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski

Family of Church Members: Shirley Walton Schaffer, Nancy Miller, Joan Brennan

Friends of Church Members: Karen Weaver, Billy Cannon, George & Marnie Stant, May Joswick & family, Michael Goldsmith, Julie Hall & family, Nan, Martha, Gary, Sandy Jones, Randy Vasold, Sandy Voellinger, Brenda Anderson, Lola Casey, Gayle Salisbury, Martha C. Tillman, Jen Martin, Chris Stanley, and Katrina Stephenson.

For those in military service, especially: Brandon Wilson, Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer: Linda Harvey

Chalicer: Linda Harvey

Lector: Dona Breen (8)/Debbie Wesley (10)

Prayers of the People: Marie Farrell (8)/Tom Woolfolk (10)

Ushers: Terry Cole

Altar Guild: Lisa Walton

Videographer: Rachel Wesley

Counters: Lisa Walton/Patty Madison

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 as well as 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.

Join us for the Adult Forum this morning a 9 o'clock in the Parish Hall. Rev. Jennifer will be discussing All Saints' Day - what it represents and how we celebrate the day.

Bible Study via ZOOM is today and every Sunday at 4:00 pm. The link is available in the weekly newsletter as well as the email that will go out this afternoon. All are welcome!

Last chance to have your photo included in the pictorial directory! We will be wrapping this project up this week. If you would like Rachel to take your picture, please catch her between or after the 10 o'clock service.

The Vestry will meet via ZOOM this Tuesday at 6:30pm.

Please know that the church phone line has been out of service for a couple weeks. If you call, you can leave a message; however, if you need to reach us immediately please call Rev. Jennifer's cell at 804-994-4718 or Linda's cell at 540-894-1722. We apologize for the inconvenience – Comcast is aware of the issue and they have been in the area working on the problem.