



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

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**The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost
Holy Eucharist, Rite II
Pledge Sunday
October 18, 2020**

Prelude: *Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (HOLY MANNA)* setting by John Leavitt

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

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, page 235*

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

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.*

First Reading: Exodus 33:12-23

Moses said to the Lord, "See, you have said to me, 'Bring up this people'; but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. Yet you have said, 'I know you by name, and you have also found favor in my sight.' Now if I have found favor in your sight, show me your ways, so that I may know you and find favor in your sight. Consider too that this nation is your people." He said, "My presence will go with you, and I will give you rest." And he said to him, "If your presence will not go, do not carry us up from here. For how shall it be known that I have found favor in your sight, I and your people, unless you go with us? In this way, we shall be distinct, I and your people, from every people on the face of the earth."

The Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing that you have asked; for you have found favor in my sight, and I know you by name." Moses said, "Show me your glory, I pray." And he said, "I will make all my goodness pass before you, and will proclaim before you the name, 'The Lord'; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. But," he said, "you cannot see my face; for no one shall see me and live." And the Lord continued, "See, there is a place by me where you shall stand on the rock; and while my glory passes by I will put you in a cleft of the rock, and I will cover you with my hand until I have passed by; then I will take away my hand, and you shall see my back; but my face shall not be seen."

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 99 *The Book of Common Prayer, page 728*

(We will read as instructed by the Lector)

1 The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *

he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

2 The Lord is great in Zion; *

he is high above all peoples.

3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *

he is the Holy One.

4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *

you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."

5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *

he is the Holy One.

6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *

they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.

8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.

9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation: *Tell Out My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord* tune by W. Greatorex (1877-1949)

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-22

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

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

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?” But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this, and whose title?” They answered, “The emperor’s.” Then he said to them, “Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

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

The Sermon: The Rev. Dr. Jennifer Lazzuri

The Nicene Creed *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 IV *The Book of Common Prayer, page 388*

(Please be seated)

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We ask your blessing upon our bishops **Michael, Susan, Jennifer** and **Porter**; for **Jennifer**, our priest; for the clergy and congregations of **Our Redeemer, Aldie; Emmanuel, Harrisonburg;** and **St. Luke's, Remington.**

Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them and love one another as He loves us. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including **Ann Tourangeau, James Hill, Kristin Frith,** and **Robert**, for whom the flowers are given this morning.

Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including: **Marie Farrell, Mary-Frances Hoh, Howard Scheurenbrand, Carol Coleman, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski, Frank Drumheller, Geri Harvey, Cody McKinney, Chris Holmes, Jim & Eleanor Howell, Paulette Shockey, Beblon Parks, Chuck Reeder, Cheryl Jones, Mark & Sheila Davis, and Nancy Miller**; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

We ask your prayers for those in military service, especially: **Zachary Lynch, Kelsey Brewer, Katie Morgan, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser.**

Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died; that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with James and all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy; *hear our prayer.*

The Celebrant asks the congregation to add their own petitions either aloud or silent and then gives a concluding collect.

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 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 & Greeting

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

(The Peace may be shared with a bow, wave, or peace sign.)

Announcements

The Holy Communion

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Doxology

Prayer Over Pledge Cards

Gracious and loving God, giver of all that is good and true and beautiful and life-giving. These cards represent our sweat, they represent our lives, they represent our dreams. The pledges which we make on them are but tokens of the awesome gifts that have been given to us and they are pledged in thanksgiving for all we have received, for all we have been inspired to be, for all we are challenged to become, in this place.

May they be the first fruits of all we have and not what we have left over, so that we may live out as closely as possible how you give to us. May we see them as our offering to you, sacred, holy, yet earthy, filled with possibilities. May we hold this image in our hearts and minds so as we watch our offerings each week come to your table, we can see our very selves being part of this offering, it is us on the table, living sacrifices to you. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

BCP, page 367

(Please stand, if you are able)

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

Celebrant & People

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 you may be seated as you are able.)

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 all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born 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

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.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion following the guidelines laid out during the announcements. For those unable to receive and for those watching from home, please see below for the Prayer of Spiritual Communion at the end of the service.

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving as I proclaim your resurrection. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer *The Book of Common Prayer, page 365*

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

Dismissal

Celebrant *Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord, as we walk with God.*
Alleluia, alleluia.

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude: *Sent Forth By God's Blessings (THE ASH GROVE)* setting by John Leavitt

Jesus said, “My house shall be called a house of prayer.”

Thank you for joining us this morning. We pray that everyone continues to stay well and safe. If you have a prayer need that you would like added to the bulletin, please email or call the church office with your request.

The flowers this morning are given by Chuck & Jean Grutzius to the Glory of God and in celebration of their grandson, Robert, on his birthday.

Today is Pledge Sunday. If you have your pledge card, please place it in the collection plate for a special blessing. Extra pledge cards may be found on the table by the bulletins.

A reminder that Morning Prayer via Zoom is offered on Wednesdays starting at 8:00 am. The link is available on our google calendar which can be found on our webpage www.stjameslouis.org, as well as on our weekly email.

Office Hours via Zoom will not be offered tomorrow, October 19th, due to a prior commitment Rev. Jennifer has with the Diocese.

On Saturday, Oct. 24th, there will be a Community Thanksgiving Service at Mineral Baptist Church beginning at 2:00 pm. All are welcome!

Next Sunday, Oct. 25th, all children are invited to stay after the service for a short lesson on loving God and our neighbor and pumpkin painting. We will provide pizza & drinks for lunch, and be together – outside, socially distanced.

On Sunday, Nov. 8th, the youth are invited to stay after the worship service for a short lesson and rock painting. Pizza & drinks will be provided for lunch.

Intercessions, Calendar & Those Serving are Listed on Back

Intercessions

Church Members: Marie Farrell, Mary-Frances Hoh, Howard Scheurenbrand, Carol Coleman, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski

Family of Church Members: Frank Drumheller, Geri Harvey, Cody McKinney, Chris Holmes, Jim & Eleanor Howell

Friends of Church Members: Paulette Shockey, Beblon Parks, Chuck Reeder, Cheryl Jones, Mark & Sheila Davis, Nancy Miller

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

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Thanksgivings:

18-Ann Tourangeau; 20-James Hill; 21-Kristin Frith

Calendar for the Coming Week

Today	10:30 am	Holy Eucharist Outdoor Service
Monday	9:30am-4pm	Clergy Fresh Start @ The Diocese
Tuesday	9am-4pm	Office Hours
	4:00 pm	Clergy Call with the Bishop
Wednesday	8:00 am	Morning Prayer via Zoom
	9am-4pm	Office Hours
	5:30 pm	Finance Meeting
Thursday	9am-4pm	Office Hours
	1-2:30pm	Rev. Jennifer & Linda have an online training seminar
Saturday	2:00 pm	Community Thanksgiving Service @ Mineral Baptist Church

Those Who Serve Today

Lector: Greg Schumacher

Intercessor: Jill Schumacher

Usher: Debbie Wesley

Altar Guild: Diane Alfano

Videographers: Rachel Wesley/Mike Breen