



# St. James Episcopal Church

*Our commitment: Walk with God.*

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**The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
Holy Eucharist, Rite II  
September 13, 2020**

**Prelude:** *In the Garden*  
*Sharon Boivin*, soprano

C. Austin Miles  
*Tom Woolfolk*, baritone

**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 233

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

## First Reading: Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 114                      *The Book of Common Prayer, page 756*

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

**1** Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

**2** Judah became God's sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.

**3** The sea beheld it and fled; \*

Jordan turned and went back.

**4** The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.

**5** What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*

O Jordan, that you turned back?

**6** You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?

**7** Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,

**8** Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

### **Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

“As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.”

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

*Reader*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

**Meditation:** *In the Garden* in C Major      J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

**Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35**

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

*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**

*(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 **Rev. Jennifer**, our Priest-In-Charge; and for the clergy and congregations of **St. Stephen's, Culpeper; Trinity, Washington;** and **St. Andrew's Ada, Marshall**.

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 **Jim & Linda Brickey, Anna Lou Flynn, and Susan Zamski.**

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

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, including: **Mary-Frances Hoh, Betty Whitlock, Howard Scheurenbrand, Carol Coleman, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski, Cody McKinney, Norrie Zehner, Chris Holmes, Jim & Eleanor Howell, Mark & Sheila Davis, Heather Riddle, Bill & Gayle Salisbury, 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.*

*Celebrant asks the People to add their own petitions; then may add 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**

**Peace & Greeting**

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

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

## The Holy Communion

### Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP, page 369

*(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* 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-128

**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* 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, 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.**

**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:** *In the Garden*      Arr. Joyce Jones

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

**Thank you for joining us this morning for our outdoor service. 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.**

**This morning the flowers are given by Pierce and Pam Stone to the glory of God and in celebration of Rev. Jennifer’s Ordination yesterday and in thanksgiving for her spiritual leadership at St. James. CONGRATULATIONS Rev. Jennifer on being Ordained into the Priesthood! Following the service this morning we will have a celebration of gifts for her.**

**The loose offerings from today will be given to Rev. Jennifer’s Discretionary Fund. Thank you in advance for your generous donations.**

**The September Newsletter and calendar are available online; hard copies of the newsletter and an updated contact list can be found on the table where you picked up your bulletin today.**

## Intercessions

**Church Members:** Mary-Frances Hoh, Betty Whitlock, Howard Scheurenbrand, Carol Coleman, Christine Southard, Susan Zamski

**Family of Church Members:** Cody McKinney, Norrie Zehner, Chris Holmes, Jim & Eleanor Howell

**Friends of Church Members:** Mark & Sheila Davis, Heather Riddle, Bill & Gayle Salisbury, Nancy Miller, Tara Fischer

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:**

17-Jim & Linda Brickey; 19-Anna Lou Flynn; 26-Susan Zamski

### **Calendar for the Coming Week**

Today	9:00 am	Holy Eucharist Outside Service on the lawn Celebration of Rev. Jennifer's Ordination
Tuesday	9am-4pm	Office Open
	1:00 pm	Staff Meeting
	6:30 pm	Vestry Meeting
Wednesday	9am-4pm	Office Open
Thursday	9am-4pm	Office Open

### **Those Who Serve Today**

Lector: Greg Schumacher

Intercessor: Jill Schumacher

Videographer: Mike Breen