



St. James Episcopal Church

Our commitment: Walk with God.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
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Holy Eucharist, Rite Two
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Prelude

Processional Hymn #636 *How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord* (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. Amen.**

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 for the Day *The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 234*

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

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

(please be seated)

First Reading: Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death; considering him a friend, they pined away and made a covenant with him, because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves, "Short and sorrowful is our life, and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end, and no one has been known to return from Hades. Let us lie in wait for the righteous man, because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions; he reproaches us for sins against the law, and accuses us of sins against our training. He professes to have knowledge of God, and calls himself a child of the Lord. He became to us a reproof of our thoughts; the very sight of him is a burden to us, because his manner of life is unlike that of others, and his ways are strange. We are considered by him as something base, and he avoids our ways as unclean; he calls the last end of the righteous happy, and boasts that God is his father. Let us see if his words are true, and let us test what will happen at the end of his life; for if the righteous man is God's child, he will help him, and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries. Let us test him with insult and torture, so that we may find out how gentle he is, and

make trial of his forbearance. Let us condemn him to a shameful death, for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray, for their wickedness blinded them, and they did not know the secret purposes of God, nor hoped for the wages of holiness, nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Response: Psalm 54 (Please turn to page 659 in *The Book of Common Prayer*)

(We will read as instructed by the Lector)

Second Reading: James 3:12-4:3, 7-8a

Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine yield fresh fruit? No more can saltwater yield fresh. Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn #635 *If thou but trust in God to guide thee*

Gospel: Mark 9:30-37

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

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon: The 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 Form V

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 389

*(Please kneel or be seated as you are able – the congregation will read the **italicized responses**)*

In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying “Lord, have mercy”.

For the holy Church of God, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of Your coming; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For **Michael, Sean, Mark, Gayle & James**, our Bishops, for **Rev. Jennifer**, our Rector; for the clergy and congregations of **Kingston Parish, Mathews; Little Fork, Rixeyville; St. Gabriel’s-San Gabriel, Leesburg; and St. Martin de Porres, Alexandria**; and for all the holy people of God; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who fear God and believe in You, Lord Christ, that our divisions may cease, and that all may be one as You and the Father are one; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it may preach the Gospel to the ends of the earth; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who do not yet believe, and for those who have lost their faith, that they may receive the light of the Gospel; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the world; that a spirit of respect and forbearance may grow among nations and peoples; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those in positions of public trust; that they may serve justice and promote the dignity and freedom of every person; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who live and work in this community; for those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries this week, including **Jeffrey & Mallory Marshall, Susan Zamski, and Brittany Wratchford**, we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all who are in danger; that they may be relieved and protected; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this congregation, that we may be delivered from hardness of heart, and show forth your glory in all we do; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our enemies and those who wish us harm, and for all whom we have injured or offended; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have commended themselves to our prayers; for our families, friends and neighbors; that being freed from anxiety, they may live in joy, peace, and health. We pray for **Pat Nolen, Allen & Lisa Walton, Carol Coleman, Scott Carey, Jimmy Coley, Emma Pugh, Greg Morris,**

Jim Coleman, Jack Steele, Ann Forrestal, Chester Harvey, Kristin Zonozi, Eric Kidwell, Bob & Elaine Holloway, W.A. Dickinson, Tate Verling, Todd Chisholm, Felicia Christian, John Cochrane, and Nancy Miller.

For those in military service, including **Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Gieser.** We pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all who have died in the communion of Your Church, especially **Jack Snider and Rich Varga,** and for those whose faith is known to You alone, that, with James and all the saints, they may have rest in that place where there is no pain or grief, but life eternal; we pray to You, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life to Christ our God.

To You, O Lord our God.

The Celebrant adds a Concluding Collect.

Confession

The Book of Common Prayer, page 360

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *(moment of silence)*

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

We believe Christ is present in the gifts of bread and wine. To receive the bread, open your hands and the priest will drop the host into your palms. If you wish to receive wine from the common cup, please remain at the altar and the chalice bearer will serve you. If you wish to intinct, please take the host and dip the host into the wine from the intinction cup that the crucifer will be holding by the steps. If for any reason you do not wish to receive communion, and would like to receive a blessing instead, cross your hands over your chest at the altar and the priest will bless you.

Communion is open to ALL baptized Christians

Offering of Gifts and Praise

Celebrant “Be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves.” *(James)*

Offertory Anthem: Sing to the Lord

J. S. Bach/Hopson

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.**

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

The Book of Common Prayer, 367

(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 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 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.**

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 James and 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, 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 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-169 *My flesh is food indeed*

Communion Hymns:

#482 *Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy*

#712 *Dona nobis pacem*

Post-Communion Prayer *(please kneel)*

The Book of Common Prayer, pg. 366

Celebrant Let us pray.

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: Remember, go out into the world in peace. Have courage. Hold on to what is good. Return no one evil for evil. Strengthen the faint-hearted. Support the weak. Help the suffering. Honor everyone. Love and serve God. Rejoicing in the Power of the Spirit. **Amen.**

Recessional Hymn #390 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of Creation*

Dismissal

Celebrant Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

Those Who Serve Today

Crucifer/Intinction Cup Holder: Greg Schumacher
Chalice: Jill Schumacher
Lector: Musu Rogers (8) / Randy Keil (10)
Prayers of the People: Dona Breen (8) / Linda Harvey (10)
Ushers: Linda Harvey / Jennifer Grissom
Altar Guild: Diane Alfano / Dona Breen
Sunday School Teachers: Debbie Wesley / Linda Barnett
Nursery Attendants: Sherry Morris / Jen Downey
Counters: Greg Schumacher / Randy Keil

Intercessions

Church Members: Pat Nolen, Allen & Lisa Walton, Carol Coleman, Scott Carey

Family of Church Members: Jimmy Coley, Emma Pugh, Greg Morris, Jim Coleman, Jack Steele, Ann Forrestal, Chester Harvey, Charlotte Jones, Kristin Zonozi, Eric Kidwell

Friends of Church Members: Bob & Elaine Holloway, W. A. Dickinson, Tate Verling, Todd Chisholm, Felicia Christian, John Cochrane, Nancy Miller

For those in military service, especially: Jacob Laws, Garrett & Rebecca Bond, Hope Matkins, Zachary Lynch, Teri Boivin, Holly-Ann Hess, Nicholas Boivin, and Jon Geiser

For clergy and congregations of Kingston Parish, Mathews; Little Fork, Rixeyville; St. Gabriel's-San Gabriel, Leesburg; and St. Martin de Porres, Alexandria

For the departed: Jack Snider, Rich Varga

Birthdays, Anniversaries, and Thanksgivings:

23-Jeff & Mallory Marshall; 26-Susan Zamski; 27-Brittany Wratchford

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

We welcome all visitors to St. James. Thank you for joining us this morning. Please sign a pew card or the guest register on the table in the back. We want to know that you were here.

The flowers on the altar are given by Linda Boxley to the Glory of God and in loving memory of her mother, Edna Thomas.

There will be a Service of Restoration at St. John's Chapel beginning at 2:00pm today. All are invited and asked to bring a side dish and chair to the celebration following the service.

If you have not turned in your pledge card, please do so at your earliest convenience. The Finance Committee uses this information to prepare a budget for the next year. Thank you to all of those who have already sent in their pledge.

Parish Formation will continue on the following Wednesdays from 5-7:00pm: Sept. 25, Oct. 9 & 23, and Nov. 6. We will begin with a light dinner and move into the study. If you plan to participate, please call/email the church office so that we know how many to expect.

**Fall Festival Information: Date - Saturday, October 12th Time - 8:00am – 1:00pm
ECW Raffle Tickets are \$2 each or 10 for \$10 (see ECW member to purchase tickets)
Men are selling 20X20 spaces for \$25 and tables for \$10 ea. – Contact Dale Williams
2nd Time Around Jewelry—a box is in the Parish Hall for your jewelry donations
ECW Annual Fall Festival Bake Sale**