



THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST
THE HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II
SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 AT 10:15 A.M.

Welcome to St. James! As always, the full text of the service can be found in the red Book of Common Prayer and, at Communion, all who come in faith are welcome to receive the consecrated Bread and Wine.



THE WORD OF GOD

VOLUNTARY *Adoration*

Florence B. Price

INTROIT

George Thalben-Ball

O praise God in his holiness;
praise him in the firmament of his power.

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

HYMN 410 (blue *Hymnal* 1982) "Praise, my soul, the King of heaven"

Lauda anima

THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

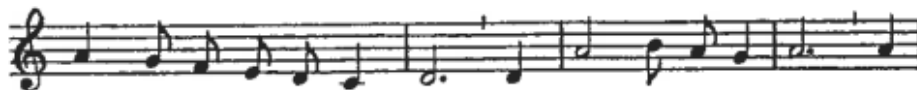
THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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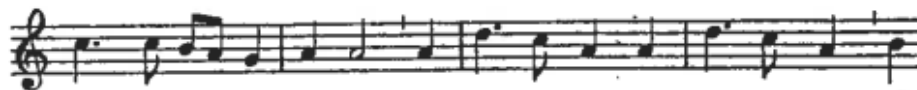
Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



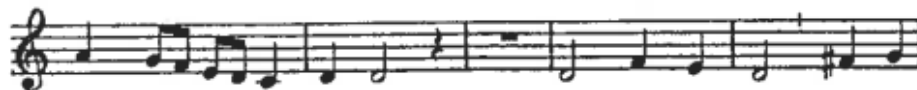
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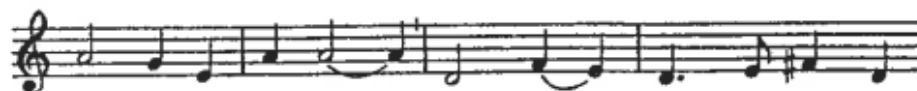
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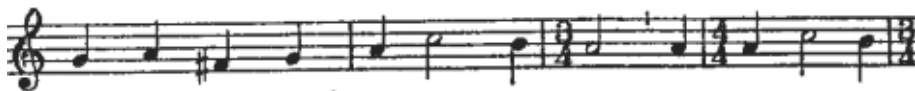
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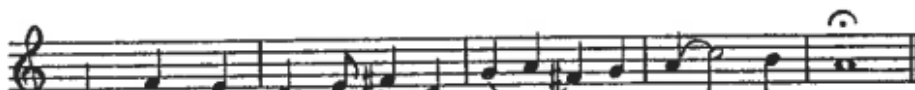
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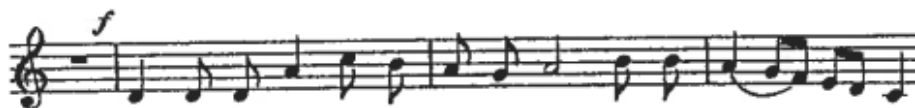
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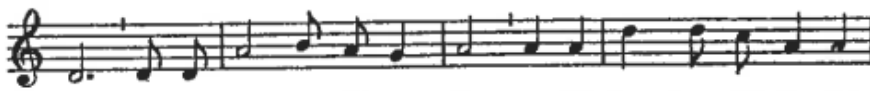
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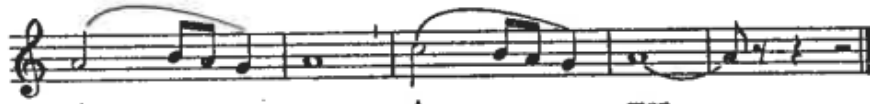
For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone — are the



Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.



A - - - men. A - - - men. ———

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

○ 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.**

THE FIRST LESSON

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.

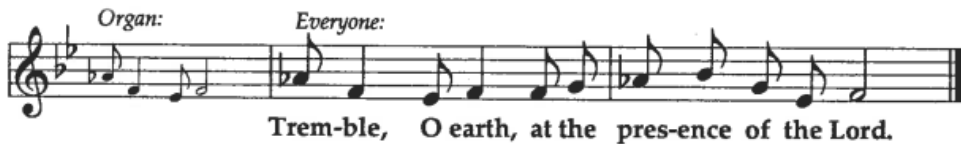
Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflective silence will follow.

PSALM 114 (congregation joins choir in singing the Antiphon) Peter Hallock
ANTIPHON



Choir: Hallelujah! When Israel came out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech, Judah became God's sanctuary and Israel his dominion.

ANTIPHON

Choir: The sea beheld it and fled; Jordan turned and went back. The mountains skipped like rams, and the little hills like young sheep.

ANTIPHON

Choir: What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? O Jordan, that you turned back? you mountains, that you skipped like rams? you little hills like young sheep.

ANTIPHON

Choir: Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the God of Jacob, who turned the hard rock into a pool of water and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

ANTIPHON

THE SECOND LESSON

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: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflective silence will follow.

HYMN 593 "Lord, make us servants of your peace"

Dickinson College

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

Deacon: 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.”

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Reflective silence will follow.

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED (*said by all, standing*) BCP p. 358

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FORM III BCP p. 387

THE CONFESSION OF SIN BCP p. 360

THE PEACE BCP p. 360

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION Janet Doyle

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Kumbaya* (Come by here)

traditional spiritual, arr. Paul Sjolund

Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's prayin', Lord, Kumbaya.
Oh Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's cryin', Lord, Kumbaya.
Someone's singin', Lord, Kumbaya.
Sing alleluia, Lord, Alleluia!
Oh Lord, Kumbaya.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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Celebrant and people:

SANCTUS, S 125

Richard Proulx

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Celebrant continues with Eucharistic Prayer A in BCP p. 362

THE LORD'S PRAYER, S 149

McNeil Robinson

Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,
 your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in
 hea - ven. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.
 For - give us our sins as we for - give those who
 sin a - gainst us. Save us from the time of trial,
 and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the king - dom, the pow - er,
 and the glo - ry are yours, now and for ev - er. A - men.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD: CHRIST OUR PASSOVER Richard Proulx

CANTOR *All*
mf Al - le - lu - ia! *mf* Christ, our Pass-o-ver, is sac - ri-ficed for
 us, There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu -
 ia, _____ *f* Christ, our Pass-o-ver is sac - ri -
 - ficed for us: There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

THE COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All who come in faith are welcome to receive Communion.

Please remain in your pew until our ushers direct you to the appropriate station for receiving the Sacraments. If you are not yet baptized in a Christian denomination, we invite you forward to participate in Communion by receiving a special blessing from our clergy. Baptism is open to all at St. James.

You may receive the Consecrated Wine in one of two ways, either by sipping from the chalice or by allowing the server to dip your bread in the chalice. You may also choose not to receive the Wine with the assurance that Christ is fully present in the Bread.

COMMUNION ANTHEM *Thy Matchless Love*

Alfred V. Fedak

Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.

Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give,
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.

By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now claim,
O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.

Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.
—John Brownlie

HYMN 317 “This is the hour of banquet and of song”

Morestead

SENDING OF LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS

Celebrant: In the name of Christ and this parish, I send you forth bearing these gifts, that our sisters and brothers may share in Christ's body and blood.

People: **We who are many are one body because we all share one bread and one cup.**

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (*please stand as able*)

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.**

THE BLESSING

HYMN 347 "Go forth for God; go to the world in peace"

Litton

THE DISMISSAL

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VOLUNTARY *Festival Postlude*

Domenico Zipoli



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BIRTHDAYS

Erica Allison, Anthony Imm, Paul Kealy, Kate Kealy, Darene Agnaonao,
Charlie Beckmann, Gene Carr, George Bond, Sally Boyd, Bill Medina,
Richard Armstrong, Jane Miller



Welcome All.

Love All.

Serve All.

MINISTERS IN THE SERVICE

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Verger
Michele McCarthy,
Lector
Kathryn Wells/Ann Crisp & McGarr,
Altar Guild
Donna Goodman, Cheryl Scott,
Gil & Mo Rainey,
Chalice Bearers

Jenx, Bo, & Raleigh Cowan,
Alexander & Juliette Brönnner,
Acolytes
Martha Massey, Mo Rainey, Tom Cramer,
Ushers
Tricia Wearmouth, Robin Neill,
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