

# ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FL

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 22)  
October 4, 2020

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Opening Hymn

*All Creatures of our God and King*

Hymnal, 400 (v.1, 4-7)



1 All crea-tures of our God and King, lift up your voic-es, let us

4 Dear mo-ther earth, you day by day un-fold your bless-ings on our

5 All you with mer-cy in your heart, for-giv-ing o-thers, take your

\*6 And ev-en you, most gen-tle death, wait-ing to hush our fi-nal

7 Let all things their cre-a-tor bless, and wor-ship him in hum-ble-



1 sing: Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Bright burn-ing

4 way, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! All flowers and

5 part, O— sing now: Al-le-lu-ia! All you that

6 breath, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! You lead back

7 ness, O— praise him, Al-le-lu-ia! Praise God the



1 sun with gold-en beams, pale sil-ver moon that gen-tly gleams,

4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo-ry al-so show:

5 pain and sor-row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:

6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:

7 Fa-ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi-rit, Three in One:

*Refrain*



O praise him, O praise him, Al-le-lu-ia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit;  
*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity** (*in unison*)

**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.**

**Canticle of Praise**

*Gloria in excelsis*

*lyrics on screen*

**The Collect of the Day**

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**

**Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20**

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 19** (*in unison*)

- 1 **The heavens declare the glory of God,\* and the firmament shows his handiwork.**
- 2 **One day tells its tale to another,\* and one night imparts knowledge to another.**
- 3 **Although they have no words or language,\* and their voices are not heard,**
- 4 **Their sound has gone out into all lands,\* and their message to the ends of the world.**
- 5 **In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; \*  
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;  
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.**
- 6 **It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; \*  
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**
- 7 **The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; \*  
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.**
- 8 **The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; \*  
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.**
- 9 **The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; \*  
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.**
- 10 **More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, \*  
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**
- 11 **By them also is your servant enlightened,\* and in keeping them there is great reward.**
- 12 **Who can tell how often he offends?\* cleanse me from my secret faults.**
- 13 **Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; \*  
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.**
- 14 **Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, \*  
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.**

## **The Epistle Reading**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

*Lector*     The Word of the Lord.

*People*     **Thanks be to God.**

*Unison or harmony*

1 I come with joy to meet my Lord, for -  
 2 I come with Chris - tians far and near to  
 3 As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each  
 4 And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His  
 5 To - geth - er met, to - geth - er bound, we'll

1 giv - en, loved, and free, in awe and won - der  
 2 find, as all are fed, the new com - mu - ni -  
 3 proud di - vi - sion ends. That love that made us  
 4 pres - ence, al - ways near, is in such friend - ship  
 5 go our dif - ferent ways, and as his peo - ple

1 to re - call his life laid down for me.  
 2 ty of love in Christ's com - mun - ion bread.  
 3 makes us one, and stran - gers now are friends.  
 4 bet - ter known: we see, and praise him here.  
 5 in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.

**The Holy Gospel****Matthew 21:33-46**

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

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected  
 has become the cornerstone;  
 this was the Lord's doing,  
 and it is amazing in our eyes?'

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev'd Dr. Steve Clifton

*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.*

## **The Nicene Creed (in unison)**

**BCP, 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**

The Christian Church is the vineyard of the Lord, with all its needs and problems: growing the grapes, making the wine, managing the Lord's work. Let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard, saying: "Lord, hear our prayer."

That the fruit of our common prayer and ministry may be the Eucharistic wine which will soon unite all people in Christ the Vine and make us one, and that the coronavirus pandemic may be removed from us so that we can soon partake of Christ's Body and Blood, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That our leaders in both church and state may accept their stewardship and accountability to God, and that there may be a rich harvest, remembering especially Donald our President, Ron our Governor, and Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Steve, our priest; Lynn, our deacon; and all the faithful of St. James House of Prayer, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That those celebrating special days or special blessings may know the joy of working in the vineyard, especially Gina Sanders as she celebrates a birthday and John & Sandra Thomas as they celebrate their wedding anniversary, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the peace of God which passes all understanding may lift from our suffering world its burdens of injustice, anxiety, war, violence, oppression, poverty, and disease, and that God's fruitfulness will give life to all in need, especially:

Fr. Al Chapman

Camden Agboglo

Betsy Chapman

Bernice Hodgins

Lydia Williams

Mitch Leggett

Vernescia Williams

Michelle Mentis

Wayne Kennedy

Lucia Frett

Denise Andretta

Maria & Kiah

Ann-Marie Greenlee

Anna Valdes

Julius James

let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the Lord's vineyard may quickly extend its healthy branches through the world, sheltering the peoples with Christ's gentleness and loving-kindness, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That Jesus, the stone which the builders rejected, may be recognized as the keystone of church and creation, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

That the departed may receive their place at the heavenly banquet table, let us pray to the Lord of the vineyard: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, we pray that our global Christian community may fulfill your Son's prayer, and that we may soon be one in the name of Christ; as he is in you, his Father, and in the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **The Confession of Sin and Absolution**

**BCP, 360**

*Deacon* Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Deacon and 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.**

*Priest* 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.**

## **The Peace**

*Officiant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*The Officiant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory. An anthem or music may follow.*

*All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.  
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**Offertory Hymn**

***Surely It Is God Who Saves Me***

**Hymnal, 679**

1 Sure - ly it is God — who saves me; trust - ing him, I shall not  
 2 Make his deeds — known to the peo - ples; tell out his ex - alt - ed  
 fear. For the Lord de - fends and shields me and his sav - ing  
 Name. Praise the Lord, who has done great things; all his works his  
 help is near. So re - joice as you draw wa - ter from sal -  
 might pro - claim. Zi - on, lift your voice in sing - ing; for with  
 va - tion's liv - ing spring; in the day of your de -  
 you has come to dwell, in your ve - ry midst, the  
 liv - erance thank the Lord, his mer - cies sing.  
 great and Ho - ly One of Is - ra - el.

**The Lord's Prayer**

*Officiant* And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.**

**THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE**

**The Blessing** (*pronounced by the Priest; the People respond, Amen.*)

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dis - mayed!  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fier - y tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that to Je - sus hath fled for re - pose,

1 is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent word!  
 2 For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 3 the riv - ers of woe shall not thee o - ver - flow;  
 4 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 5 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

1 What more can he say than to you he hath said,  
 2 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 3 for I will be with thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 4 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 5 that soul, though all hell shall en - deav - or to shake,

1 to you that for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 2 up - held by my right - eous, om - ni - po - tent hand.  
 3 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 4 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 5 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Go in peace to love and serve the LORD. Alleluia, alleluia!

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



**Please remember in your prayers:**

Fr. Al Chapman  
Bernice Hodgins  
Mitch Leggett  
Wayne Kennedy  
Maria & Kiah

Camden Agboglo  
Lydia Williams  
Vernescia Williams  
Lucia Frett  
Ann-Marie Greenlee

Betsy Chapman  
Anna Valdes  
Michelle Mentis  
Denise Andretta  
Julius James

**Please give thanks for:**

The birthday of Gina Sanders (10/8)

The wedding anniversary of John & Sandra Thomas (10/10)

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