

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

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 24)  
October 18, 2020

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Opening Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

Hymnal, 423 (v. 1, 2, 4)

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry, thou rul - est in light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
all laud we would ren - der: O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - tor - ious, thy great Name we praise.  
thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

*Celebrant* 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** (*in unison*)

**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.**

**The Collect of the Day**

*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.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**

*see insert, or click: [Exodus 33:12-23](#)*

*To end, the Lector says*

The Word of the Lord.

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

**Psalm 99** (*in unison*)

**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.

### The Epistle Reading

see insert, or click: [1 Thessalonians 1:1-10](#)

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

### Sequence Hymn

*Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

Hymnal, 685

1 Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;  
2 Should my tears for ev - er flow, should my zeal no lan - guor know,  
3 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,

let the wa - ter and the blood from thy wound - ed side that flowed,  
all for sin could not a - tone: thou must save, and thou a - lone;  
when I rise to worlds un - known and be - hold thee on thy throne,

be of sin the dou - ble cure, cleanse me from its guilt and power.  
in my hand no price I bring, sim - ply to thy cross I cling.  
Rock of a - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.

### The Holy Gospel

see insert, or click: [Matthew 22:15-22](#)

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

To end, the Deacon says

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**

Pondering the relationship between our duties to God and our duties as citizens, let us pray for ourselves and for the whole world, saying: "Lord, have mercy."

That all in our community may know what is God's and what is Caesar's, and may have the courage so to live, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That as the Lord guided Cyrus for the sake of Israel, God will guide our country, its leaders, and its citizens, remembering especially Donald our President, so that justice and peace will be the signs of our trust in God, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That the leaders of the church, in the spirit of Paul, may preach the gospel not merely in words but in the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, remembering especially 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 one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That each of us, following Jesus, may be truthful, courting no one's favor, but living with simplicity and candor, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all who celebrate special days and special blessings may give praise to God who gives all good things, remembering especially Leila Mizer and Sharon Streater as they celebrate birthdays, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That through the faith, love, and constancy of Christians God's name may be made known from the rising to the setting of the sun, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That like the apostles, all the people in the church may live their faith and labor in love for the poor, the homeless, the imprisoned, the persecuted, and the sick, and that by God's power the suffering of all may be relieved, remembering especially Fr. Al Chapman, Camden Agboglo, Betsy Chapman, Bernice Hodgins, Lydia Williams, Anna Valdes, Mitch Leggett, Vernescia Williams, Michelle Mentis, Wayne Kennedy, Lucia Frett, Denise Andretta, Maria & Kiah, Ann-Marie Greenlee, Julius James, and Inez Joseph, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

That all the departed may receive the full benefit of their citizenship in heaven, let us pray to the one who alone is Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

O God, ruler of all, grant that our nation and its citizens may respond to your call, and that we may live out all civic virtues in honesty and integrity. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, your Son and our Lord. **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**

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

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

*The Celebrant says a sentence from Scripture to begin the Offertory.*

*All are encouraged to make an offering in thanksgiving for all the blessings God has bestowed.  
Gifts may be made on the parish website, [sjhoptpa.org](http://sjhoptpa.org), or by texting [sjhop](https://www.textnow.com) to 73256,  
or by postal mail to: **St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church**  
2708 N. Central Ave., Tampa FL 33602*

## **Offertory Anthem**

*Is Your All on the Altar*  
Maisie Reddy, soloist

by Elisha A. Hoffman

## The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant* 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.*)

**Closing Hymn**

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

**Hymnal, 594 (v. 1, 3, 4)**

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple pour thy power;  
3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness, bend our pride to thy con - trol;  
4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils we de - plore;

crown thine an - cient Church's sto - ry; bring her bud to glo - rious flower.  
shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in things and poor in soul.  
let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our glo - ry ev - er - more.

Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, for the fac - ing of this  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, lest we miss thy king - dom's  
Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age, serv - ing thee whom we a -

hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

## 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  
Inez Joseph

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 birthdays of Leila Mizer (10/18) and Sharon Streater (10/22)

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