

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FL

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 11A)
July 19, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Opening Hymn

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Hymnal, 423

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
3 To all life thou giv - est, to both great and small;
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;
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;
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
we blos - som and flour - ish, like leaves on the tree,
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.
then with - er and per - ish; but nought chan - geth thee.
'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee.

Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer (BCP), 355

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* (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

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23 (*in unison*)

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.**
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.**

22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.

23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

The Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

LEVAS, 220

1. We are climb - ing Ja - cob's lad - der,
2. Ev' - ry round goes high - er, high - er,
3. Sin - ner do you love your Je - sus?
4. If you love Him why not serve Him,

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 2. Sol - diers of the cross.
 3. Sol - diers of the cross.
 4. Sol - diers of the cross.

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

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

The Sermon

The Rev'd Sonia Sullivan 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

As we reach out our thoughts and our energies beyond the walls of this gathering space, let us pray, hoping that God's reign may be the deepest desire of every human heart, saying, "Hear us, O God."

O God, may your dominion grasp us and fill the hearts of all who claim Christ as Lord, and especially those who lead in your Church, particularly Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, our Presiding Bishop; Dabney, our Bishop; Steve, our priest; Lynn, our deacon; for Rev. Sonia and Rev. Streater, and for all the faithful of St. James House of Prayer. In the Spirit we plead:

Hear us, O God

O God, make your justice grow in our land, that the victims of this age will find shelter in its branches. We pray especially for Donald, President of the United States; Ron, Governor of Florida; for our legislatures, courts, local officials, and government agencies; for all standing for election in the coming months; for all with the right and responsibility to vote, and for those whose rights should justly be restored. In the Spirit we plead:

Hear us, O God

To you, Abba, we raise our eyes in hope. Inspire those whose decisions influence the lives of others, that they may discern wisely and act compassionately. In the Spirit we plead: **Hear us, O God**

O God, shield those celebrating special days or special blessings, especially for the birthdays of **Alan Lipke and Mercedes Soto**, for the wedding anniversary of **Ronald & Sophia Cherry**, and for **Rajah and Raimi Ross** as they are baptized into Christ. In the Spirit we plead: **Hear us, O God**

O God, imaginative Creator, bless artists, poets, composers, and writers with the creative touch of your word. Make them avenues of your vision. In the Spirit we plead: **Hear us, O God**

O God, we pray for all the oppressed, all the needy, all in the grip of terror, and all the sick, particularly **Fr. Al Chapman, Camden Agboglo, Betsy Chapman, Bernice Hodgins, Olive McDonald, Lydia Williams, Mitch Leggett, Vernescia Williams. Eugene Thomas, Steve Morse, Wayne Kennedy, Rhea Minnis, Rajah and Raimi Ross (Rhea's twin sons), Lucia Frett, Pat Edwards. Kenneth Rollock, Barbara Scotland. Maria & Kia.** Give health and peace to all. In the Spirit we plead: **Hear us, O God**

O God, we pray for the dead, especially **Jean Jaberally, sister of Barbara Scotland.** Gather us all into your heavenly realm. In the Spirit we plead: **Hear us, O God**

O Master of might and merciful Judge, in our weakness we turn to you for help. Hear us, and come to our rescue. You have promised to hear our prayers if we raise them in the name of Jesus, and so we do. In Jesus' name we pray. **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.

Officiant 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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The Offertory Anthem

Abba, Father

by Klaus Kuehn

Performed by Catherine Clifton and Steve Clifton

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.*)

Closing Hymn

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Hymnal, 390

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - eth; borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

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prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - tion,
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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, Camden Agboglo, Betsy Chapman, Bernice Hodgins, Olive McDonald, Lydia Williams, Mitch Leggett, Vernescia Williams. Eugene Thomas, Steve Morse, Wayne Kennedy, Rajah and Raimi Ross (Rhea Minnis' twin sons), Lucia Frett, Pat Edwards. Kenneth Rollock, Kayla Rollock, Barbara Scotland, Sylvester Lester (with COVID-19), Maria & Kia.

Please give thanks for:

Birthdays: Alan Lipke (7/24), Mercedes Soto (7/24)
Anniversaries: Ronald and Sophia Cherry
Other thanksgivings: Rajah and Raimi Ross as they are baptized

Pray for the repose of the soul of:

Jean Jaberddally, sister of Barbara Scotland, who died on Friday, 7/17

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