

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FL

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 17)
August 30, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Opening Hymn (v. 1, 2, 5)

The God of Abraham Praise

Hymnal, 401

1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;

5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;

1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:

5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;

1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,

5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.
and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.

all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

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 (Glory to God)

lyrics on screen

The Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt."

But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain." But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you'. This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c (*in unison*)

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; ***
 make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, ***
 and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; ***
 let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; ***
 continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, ***
 his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,
- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, ***
 O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 23 Israel came into Egypt, ***
 and Jacob became a sojourner in the land of Ham.
- 24 The LORD made his people exceedingly fruitful; ***
 he made them stronger than their enemies;
- 25 Whose heart he turned, so that they hated his people, ***
 and dealt unjustly with his servants.
- 26 He sent Moses his servant, ***
 and Aaron whom he had chosen.
- 45 Hallelujah!**

The Epistle Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn

Speak, Lord, I'm Listening

lyrics on screen

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him

aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?”

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

In today's gospel, Jesus invites us to follow him. As he laid down his life in intercession for the world, let us pray on behalf of people everywhere, saying 'Lord, strengthen us.'
For all people of faith who struggle to believe in the promise of life amid the clamor of death, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For the church, which must bear witness to the possibility of taking up the cross and following Jesus, and for its leaders, particularly 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. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who are losing their souls in the pursuit of worldly gain, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those laying down their lives in faithful dedication to God's call, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who lead the nations, especially Donald, President of the United States; Ron, Governor of Florida; for our legislatures, courts, local officials, and government agencies, that they may seek justice for the least among us, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those celebrating special days or special blessings this week, particularly Marvin Martin, Sr. on his birthday and Navita & Julius James on their wedding anniversary, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, and for those who minister to them, particularly

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| Bernice Hodgins | Olive McDonald | Lydia Williams |
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| Wayne Kennedy | Lucia Frett | Denise Andretta |
| Maria & Kiah | Ann-Marie Greenlee | |

and all who have lost their homes, jobs, or loved ones in Hurricane Laura, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

For all here present who will one day be judged by God's standards and meet Christ coming in glory, and for all the departed especially Alphonso Simmons, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, strengthen us.**

Most high God, your ways are not our ways, yet your ways bring life. Hear the petitions of your assembled people. Pour out on your world the faith to hear your call and the courage to answer it. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Christ, who is one with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **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.

Gifts may be made on the parish website, sjhoptpa.org, or by texting [sjhop](https://www.textnow.com) to 73256,

or by postal mail to:

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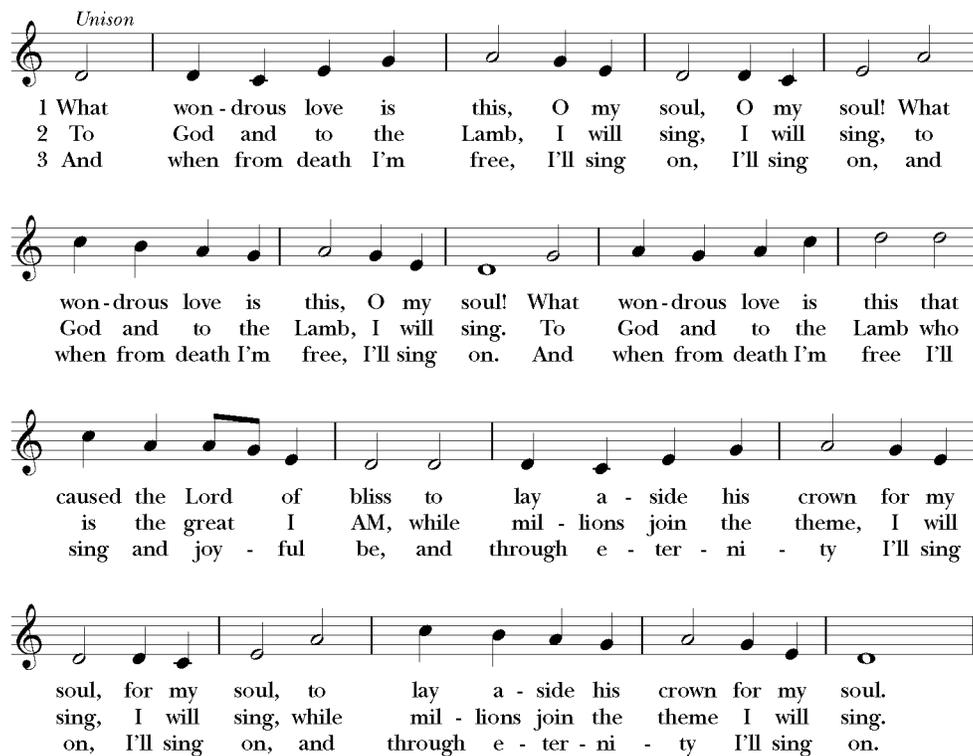
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Offertory Hymn

What Wondrous Love is This

Hymnal, 439

Unison



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
2 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to
3 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and

won-drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this that
God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who
when from death I'm free, I'll sing on. And when from death I'm free I'll

caused the Lord of bliss to lay a - side his crown for my
is the great I AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
sing and joy - ful be, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to lay a - side his crown for my soul.
sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme I will sing.
on, I'll sing on, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

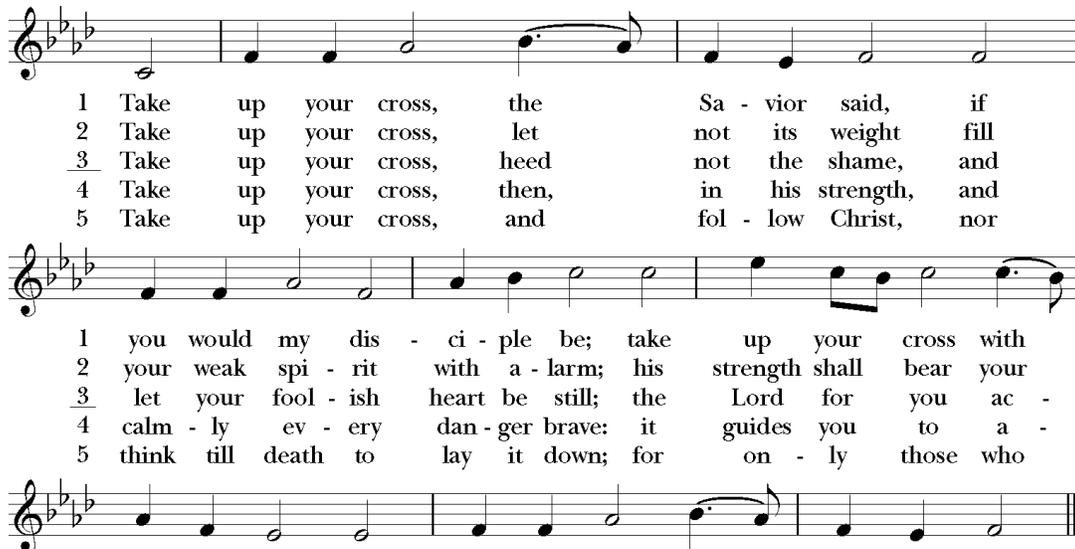
Officiant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing:

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

lyrics on screen

THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

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



1 Take up your cross, the Sa - vior said, if
 2 Take up your cross, let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross, heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in his strength, and
 5 Take up your cross, and fol - low Christ, nor

1 you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 2 your weak spi - rit with a - larm; his strength shall bear your
 3 let your fool - ish heart be still; the Lord for you ac -
 4 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -
 5 think till death to lay it down; for on - ly those who

1 will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 2 spi - rit up, and brace your heart, and nerve your arm.
 3 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 4 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.
 5 bear the cross may hope to wear the glo - rious crown.

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:

-- all who have lost their homes, jobs, or loved ones in Hurricane Laura

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-- **The repose of the soul of Alphonso Simmons** (*brother of Patrick Thomas*)

Please give thanks for:

Birthday: Marvin Martin, Sr. (8/31)

Anniversary: Navita & Julius James (9/1)

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There's Something About That Name (#107 in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

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This is the Day (#219 in *Lift Every Voice and Sing II*)

Music: Les Garrett

Title: The God of Abraham praise

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725-1799), alt.

Music: *Leoni*, Hebrew melody; harm. *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1875, alt.

Title: What wondrous love is this

Meter: 12 9. 12. 12 9

Words: American folk hymn, ca. 1835

Music: *Wondrous Love*, from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; alt. acc. Carlton R. Young, (b. 1926)

Title: Take up your cross, the Savior said

Words: Charles William Everest (1814-1877), alt.

Music: *Bourbon*, melody att. Freeman Lewis (1780-1859); harm. John Leon Hooker (b.