

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

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 21)  
September 27, 2020

## THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Devotional Song

*They'll Know We Are Christians*

Peter Scholtes

$\text{♩} = 56$  VERSE

Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em D/E Em Am



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the  
 2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each  
 3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by side; We will work with each  
 4. All \_ praise to the Fa - ther, from \_ whom all things come; And all praise to Christ

6 D<sup>7</sup>/A Em D/E Em Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em D/E



Spir - it, we are one in the Lord. And we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -  
 oth - er, we will walk hand in hand. And to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our  
 oth - er, we will work side by side. And we'll guard each man's dig - ni - ty and save \_ each man's  
 Je - sus, His \_ on - ly \_ Son. And all praise to the Spir - it, who \_ makes \_ us \_

CHORUS

12 Em C Em



-stored. And they'll know we are Chris - tians by our love, by our  
 land.  
 pride.  
 one.

16 Am Em Am D<sup>7</sup>/A Em



love, yes they'll know \_ we are Chris - tians by our love. \_\_\_\_\_

Opening Song:

*Surely the Presence*

Lanny Wolfe

♩ = 66 CHORUS

D F#m Gmaj<sup>9</sup> Em Em<sup>7</sup>

Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place, I can feel His might - y

A<sup>7</sup> D G/D A<sup>7</sup> D F#m

pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gel's wings I see

1 Gmaj<sup>9</sup> Em Em<sup>7</sup> A<sup>7</sup> Em A<sup>7</sup> D Fine

glo - ry on each face; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place.

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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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**

**Exodus 17:1-7**

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

*Lector*      The Word of the Lord.

*People*      **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16** (*in unison*)

- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; \*  
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.**
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; \*  
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.**
- 3 That which we have heard and known,  
and what our forefathers have told us, \*  
we will not hide from their children.**
- 4 We will recount to generations to come  
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, \*  
and the wonderful works he has done.**
- 12 He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, \*  
in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.**
- 13 He split open the sea and let them pass through; \*  
he made the waters stand up like walls.**
- 14 He led them with a cloud by day, \*  
and all the night through with a glow of fire.**
- 15 He split the hard rocks in the wilderness \*  
and gave them drink as from the great deep.**
- 16 He brought streams out of the cliff, \*  
and the waters gushed out like rivers.**

## The Epistle Reading

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Song

*Speak, Lord, I'm Listening*

*lyrics on screen*

## The Holy Gospel

Matthew 21:23-32

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

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

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. "What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

*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.*

**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.**

**The Prayers of the People (*sung*)**

*lyrics on screen*

*In the silence which follows each petition, you are welcome to add your own intercessions: in the silence of your heart, aloud in your home, or (if watching the live stream) by typing them in the chat window.*

**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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**St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church**  
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**Offertory Hymn**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

LEVAS 119

1. Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
2. I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
3. Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh;  
4. Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love.

1. Draw it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
2. No sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
3. Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
4. One ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

1. Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
2. No an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - p'ning skies;  
3. To check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh;  
4. The kin - dling of the heav'n - de - scend - ed dove,

1. And make me love thee as I ought to love.  
2. But take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
3. Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
4. My heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

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

**The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*)

*words on screen*

# THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE

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

## Closing Song

Sing to the Lord a New Song

Timothy Dudley-Smith

1. Sing a new song to the Lord,  
2. Now to the ends of the earth  
3. Sing a new song and re-joice,  
4. Join with the hills and the sea

he to whom won-ders be-long! Re-joice in his  
see his sal-va-tion is shown! And still he re-  
pub-lish his prais-es a-broad! Let voic-es in  
thun-ders of praise to pro-long! In judg-ment and

tri-umph and tell of his power— O sing to the  
mem-bers his mer-cy and truth, un-chang-ing in  
cho-rus, with trum-pet and horn, re-sound for the  
jus-tice he comes to the earth— O sing to the

Lord a new song!  
love to his own.  
joy of the Lord!  
Lord a new song!

Final ending  
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## 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

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### Please give thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week:

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