

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH TAMPA, FL

The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost
June 21, 2020

THE GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Opening Hymn

Faith of Our Fathers

Hymnal, 558

1 Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still in spite of dun - geon,
2 Faith of our fa - thers! faith and prayer shall win all na - tions
3 Faith of our fa - thers! we will love both friend and foe in

fire and sword: O how our hearts beat high with joy,
un - to thee; and through the truth that comes from God,
all our strife: and preach thee, too, as love knows how,

Refrain
when-e'er we hear that glo - rious word:
man-kind shall then in - deed be free. Faith of our fa - thers,
by kind - ly deeds and vir - tuous life.

ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

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.

Song of Praise

Gloria in excelsis

Hymnal, S280

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Collect of the Day

Officiant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Officiant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; 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

A Reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17

1 **B**ow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, *
for I am poor and in misery.

- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; *
save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- 3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; *
I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, *
for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.
- 6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.
- 16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.
- 17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

A Reading from the Book of Romans

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

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

VERSE

1. Will you come and fol - low me If I but
 2. Will you leave your - self be - hind If I but
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see If I but
 4. Will you love the 'you' you hide If I but
 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true When you but

1. call your name? _____ Will you go where you don't
 2. call your name? _____ Will you care for cruel and
 3. call your name? _____ Will you set the pris - 'ners
 4. call your name? _____ Will you quell the fear in -
 5. call my name. _____ Let me turn and fol - low

1. know And nev - er be the same? Will you
 2. kind And nev - er be the same? Will you
 3. free And nev - er be the same? Will you
 4. side And nev - er be the same? Will you
 5. you And nev - er be the same. In your

1. let my love be shown? Will you let my
 2. risk the hos - tile stare Should your life at -
 3. kiss the lep - er clean, And do such as
 4. use the faith you've found To re - shape the
 5. com - pa - ny I'll go Where your love and

1. name be known? _____ Will you let my life be
 2. tract or scare? _____ Will you let me an - swer
 3. this un - seen, _____ And ad - mit to what I
 4. world a - round, _____ Through my sight and touch and
 5. foot - steps show. _____ Thus I'll move and live and

1. grown In you and you in me?
 2. prayer In you and you in me?
 3. mean In you and you in me?
 4. sound In you and you in me?
 5. grow In you and you in me.

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, “A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

“So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.”

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.**

The Prayers of the People

*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/comments section.*

Our God, the almighty one, counts the hairs of our head. Let us come before God in confidence and peace.

We thank you this day for the value you have placed upon us by giving us Christ our Savior. Empower us to acknowledge this gift in lives of service. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you that you have answered our fears with love. Give to us the faith to go where others dare not to proclaim the vastness of your love. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you that you are concerned with the frailty of our living. You know our addictions, our broken relationships, our doubting, our escapes. Grant us the wholeness we seek. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you that you aid those who work for justice and peace by giving them courage, vision, and strength. Enlist all people in the struggle for human dignity. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you favor the poor, the meek, the oppressed, the homeless, and the hungry. Make your compassion contagious, that the rich might share with the poor, and the strong befriend the weak. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, O God, that you refresh us with times of leisure and recreation. Renew us that we might further appreciate you, each other, and all that you have made. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all our needs and thanksgivings:

For the leaders of the church, 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;

For all who celebrate special days or special blessings, especially birthdays this week: Ernest Reese, Tina Rodriguez & Inez Joseph;

For all in need of healing, guidance, or strength, particularly:

Fr. Al Chapman	Camden Agboglo	Betsy Chapman	Pat Edwards	Bernice Hodgins
Olive McDonald	Lydia Williams	Mitch Leggett	Vernescia Williams	Eugene Thomas
Steve Morse	Wayne Kennedy	Rhea Minnis	Lucia Frett	
Rajah and Raimi Ross (Rhea Minnis' twin sons)				

For all who have died; Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We thank you, Lord, that you are always more willing to listen than we are to pray. Hear the petitions of our congregation, and the prayers spoken in our hearts; through your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**
Amen.

A Prayer for Fathers

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.

Gifts may be made on the parish website, sjhoptpa.org, or by mail to:

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1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, —
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him through the gar - den, —
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, —
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — He will give me grace and glo - ry, —

1. I can hear my Sav - ior call - ing, — "Take thy cross and fol - low, fol - low me."
 2. I'll go with Him through the gar - den, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 3. I'll go with Him through the judge - ment, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.
 4. He will give me grace and glo - ry, — And go with me, with me all the way.

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — Where He leads me I will fol - low, —

Where He leads me I will fol - low, — I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

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

Lead Us, Heavenly Father

Hymnal, 559

1 Lead us, heaven - ly Fa - ther, lead us o'er the world's tem -
2 Sa - vior, breathe for - give - ness o'er us; all our weak - ness
3 Spi - rit of our God, de - scend - ing, fill our hearts with

pes - tuous sea; guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
thou dost know; thou didst tread this earth be - fore us;
heaven - ly joy; love with ev - ery pas - sion blend - ing,

for we have no help but thee, yet pos - ses - sing
thou didst feel its keen - est woe; yet un - fear - ing,
plea - sure that can nev - er cloy; thus pro - vid - ed,

ev - ery bless - ing, if our God our Fa - ther be.
per - se - ver - ing, to thy pas - sion thou didst go.
par - doned, guid - ed, noth - ing can our peace des - troy.

The Dismissal

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

VIRTUAL COFFEE HOUR begins at 11am (via Zoom)

Grab your favorite morning beverage and join us!

Link to the gathering is in the Weekly Announcements

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Opening Hymn

Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage

Faith of our fathers! living still

88. 88. 88

Frederick William Faber (1814-1863), alt.

St. Catherine, Henri Frédéric Hemy (1818-1888); adapt. and arr. James G. Walton (1821-1905)

Sequence

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

Words: John L. Bell

Music: *Kelvingrove*, traditional Scottish tune

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Offertory

Baptism and Conversion

Where He Leads Me

E. W. Blandy, c. 1890

John S. Norris (1844-1907)

Closing Hymn

Christian Vocation and Pilgrimage

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

87. 87. 87

James Edmeston (1791-1867), alt.

Dulce carmen, melody from *An Essay on the Church Plain Chant*, 1782; adapt. *Collection of Motetts or Antiphons*, ca 1840; harm. William Henry Monk (1823-1889)