

**ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

TAMPA, FL

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*The Seventh Sunday of Easter*

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*The Gathering of God's People*

**Opening Song**

*Faith Of Our Mothers*

*Hymnal #558*

1 Faith of our mothers! living still  
in spite of dungeon, fire, and sword:  
O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
whene'er we hear that glorious word:

*Refrain:*

*Faith of our mothers, holy faith!  
We will be true to thee till death.*

2 Faith of our mothers! faith and prayer  
shall win all nations unto thee;  
and through the truth that comes from God,  
mankind shall then indeed be free. *[Refrain]*

3 Faith of our mothers! we will love  
both friend and foe in all our strife:  
and preach thee, too, as love knows how,  
by kindly deeds and virtuous life. *[Refrain]*

**Opening Acclamation for Baptism**

**BCP, 299**

*Celebrant* Alleluia, Christ is Risen

*People* **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one faith, one baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

**Song of Praise:**

*Together In Peace*

I'll take the first step and you'll take the next.  
We'll join hands the farther we go.  
The hills may some time seem harder to climb.  
But I know we can make it if we try.  
We'll go on fighting to this end.  
To live together in peace.  
(repeat)

**The Collect of the Day** (*in unison*)

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**

**Acts 1:15-17, 21-26**

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus-- for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken

up from us-- one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection." So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, "Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place." And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*To end, the Lector says* The Word of the Lord.  
*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm 1**

***Beatus vir qui non abiit***

*Refrain: Happy are they whose delight is in the law of the Lord.*

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, \*  
nor lingered in the way of sinners,  
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, \*  
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,  
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; \*  
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; \*  
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, \*  
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, \*  
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

## The Epistle Reading

1 John 5:9-13

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

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

## Sequence Hymn

*Speak Lord, I'm Listening*

**Chorus:** Speak Lord, I'm listening; plant your word down deep in me.  
Speak Lord, I'm listening; please show me the way.

1 Sometimes my heart is slow to follow you;  
teach me to hear and understand.  
And I'm told the things you promise,  
and I hope they all come true.  
And I know what waits for those who wait,  
and put their trust in you. (*Chorus*)

2 Sometimes I stumble on my way to you;  
stretch out again your healing hand.  
And I'm told the things you promise,  
and I hope they all come true.  
And I know what waits for those who wait,  
and put their trust in you (*chorus*)

## **The Holy Gospel**

**John 17:6-19**

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

Jesus prayed for his disciples, “I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

*To end, the Deacon says*  
*People*

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Ed Henley

*After the Sermon, we take a few moments to reflect on God's word to us.*

*Take Me To The Water*

*LEVAS #134*

1 Take me to the water,  
take me to the water,  
take me to the water  
to be baptized.

2 None but the righteous,  
none but the righteous,  
none but the righteous  
shall see God.

3 I love Jesus,  
I love Jesus,  
I love Jesus,  
oh yes, I do.

4 He's my Savior,  
He's my Savior,  
He's my Savior,  
oh yes, He is.

**Presentation and Examination of the Candidate**

**BCP, 301**

*The Celebrant says*

The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

*Parents and Godparents*

**I present *Zion Joseph Diaz* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

*The Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents* **I will, with God's help.**

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the parents and godparents, who answer on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question:* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer:* I renounce them.

*Question:* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer:* I do.

*Question:* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer:* I do.

*All stand.* The Celebrant addresses all who are gathered, saying  
Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support **Zion**  
in his life in Christ?

*People:* **We will.**

*The Celebrant then says these or similar words*

Let us join with **Zion**, who is committing himself to Christ, and renew our own baptismal covenant.



## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People:* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People:* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant:* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People:* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the  
life everlasting.**

*Celebrant:* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant:* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

*People:* **I will, with God's help.**

## **Prayers for the Candidate**

*The Celebrant then says to the congregation*

Let us now pray for **Zion**, who is to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

A Person or Persons appointed lead the following petitions

*Leader:* Deliver **Zion**, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Open **Zion's** heart to your grace and truth.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Fill **Zion** with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Keep **Zion** in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Teach **Zion** to love others in the power of the Spirit.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Send **Zion** into the world in witness to your love.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader:* Bring **Zion** to the fullness of your peace and glory.

*People:* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*The Celebrant says*

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Thanksgiving over the Water**

*The Celebrant blesses the water, first saying*

The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

*At the following words, the Celebrant touches the water*

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Baptism and Chrismation**

*The Celebrant pours the blessed water upon **Zion**, saying*

**Zion Joseph**, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then anoints **Zion** with Chrism (oil blessed by a Bishop for Baptism), marking on his forehead the sign of the Cross and saying*

**Zion Joseph**, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

*The Celebrant then says* Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon Jadah the forgiveness of sin, and have raised him to the new life of grace. Sustain him, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give him an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Then the Celebrant says*  
Let us welcome the newly baptized.

*Celebrant and People*

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

### **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** to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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## **Offertory Anthem**

## THE HOLY COMMUNION

**The Great Thanksgiving (Eucharistic Prayer A)**

**BCP, 361**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give \*him thanks and praise.**

**[\*or "our", or "God"]**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

*Celebrant and People (sung)*

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

*Then the Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or to lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

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

*Celebrant*

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

**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 sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,  
forever. Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.*

*A period of silence is kept. Then the Celebrant says*

*Celebrant* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
*People* **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Agnus Dei**

*Lamb of God*

**Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world (x3)  
Grant us thy peace. (Repeat)**

*The Celebrant invites the People to Communion, in these or similar words*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

**A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those unable to worship with us in person**

*(if you are watching the live stream, please feel free to say this prayer during the sharing of Communion)*

***My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. As though you have already come, I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you; never permit me to be separated from you. Amen. (St. Alphonsus de Liguori, 1696-1787)***

## Communion Songs

### *Taste And See*

#### *Refrain:*

*Taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord.*

*Oh, taste and see, taste and see  
the goodness of the Lord, of the Lord.*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times.  
Praise shall always be on my lips;  
my soul shall glory in the Lord;  
for God has been so good to me. *(Refrain)*

2 Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise God's name.  
I called the Lord, who answered me;  
from all my troubles I was set free. *(Refrain)*

3 Worship the Lord, all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that the Lord is good;  
in God we need put all our trust. *(Refrain)*





*Come To The Water*

1 O let all who thirst,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without price.  
Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord?

2 And let all who seek,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who have nothing,  
let them come to the Lord:  
Without money, without strife.  
Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord?

3 And let all who toil,  
let them come to the water.  
And let all who are weary,  
let them come to the Lord:  
All who labor, without rest.  
How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord?

4 And let all the Poor,  
let them come to the water.  
Bring the obese who are laden,  
bring the children without might.  
Easy the load and light: Come to the Lord.

*After Communion, the Celebrant says Let us pray.*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

*All are seated for announcements.*



## **THE SENDING OUT OF THE LORD'S PEOPLE**

## Closing Song

## *Lift High The Cross*

*Refrain:*

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.*

1 Led on their way by this triumphant sign.  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine. *(refrain)*

2 Each newborn servant of the crucified  
bears on the brow the seal of Him who died. *(refrain)*

3 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw the world to Thee. *(refrain)*

4 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory. *(refrain)*

## The Dismissal

*Deacon* Let us go forth in the Name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia,  
alleluia, alleluia!

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Happy Mother's Day



**Remember In Your Prayers** for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo	Lydia Williams	Janelle Goodwin
Charnell Williams	Carol Moorehead	Peter Lockhart
Denise Andretta	Lejoan Franklin	Olivia Whittiker
Michael Carter	Margaret Booth	Mozelle Rhodes
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder	Joe Buczek	Clare Kennedy
Victor Ferguson	Dorothy Batson	Gina Norris
Delores Thomas	Mac Alexander	Margie Jefferson
Ruby Lockhart	Eleanor Solomon	Stella Jacob
Ernest Reese	Richard Grinnell	Deborah Blanchett
Warren Nunn	Morris Kennedy	Virginia McKinney
Roderick James	Errol Kirk	
Rick and Maureen Cybulski		

**Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** None This Week

**Anniversaries:** None This Week

**SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

**Celebrant and Preacher**

**Deacon**

**Musicians**

**Lector**

**Usher**

**Camera Operator**

The Rev. Ed Henley

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell

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Larraine Williams-Nunn and Deirdre Joseph

Judith Taylor-Young

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