

# ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

November 10, 2024

*The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

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*The Gathering of God's People*

*\*\*Bells ring announcing the beginning of worship\*\**

## Opening Song

## *Shout To The Lord*

My Jesus, my Savior, Lord there is none like You  
All of my days I want to praise the wonders of Your mighty love.  
My comfort, my shelter, tower of refuge and strength  
Let every breath, all that I am, never cease to worship You

### *Refrain:*

*Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
At the sound of Your name  
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands  
Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in You*

## Opening Acclamation

Book of Common Prayer, 355

*Officiant* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. 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**      *Open The Eyes Of My Heart Lord*

1 Open the eyes of my heart, Lord  
Open the eyes of my heart, I want to see You  
I want to see You x2

2 To see You high and lifted up  
Shining in the light of Your glory  
Pour out Your power and love  
As we sing holy, holy, holy

3 Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
Holy, holy, holy  
I want to see you

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People*      **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.***

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**The First Reading**

**Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17**

Naomi her mother-in-law said to Ruth, “My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor. Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the

man until he has finished eating and drinking. When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do.” She said to her, “All that you tell me I will do.”

So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the LORD made her conceive, and she bore a son. Then the women said to Naomi, “Blessed be the LORD, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him.” Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. The women of the neighborhood gave him a name, saying, “A son has been born to Naomi.” They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

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

## **Psalm 127**

### ***Nisi Dominus***

*Refrain: Watch over us, O Lord.*

- 1 Unless the LORD builds the house, \*  
their labor is in vain who build it.
- 2 Unless the LORD watches over the city, \*  
in vain the watchman keeps his vigil.
- 3 It is in vain that you rise so early and go to bed so late; \*  
vain, too, to eat the bread of toil,  
for he gives to his beloved sleep.
- 4 Children are a heritage from the LORD, \*  
and the fruit of the womb is a gift.
- 5 Like arrows in the hand of a warrior \*  
are the children of one's youth.

6 Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them! \*  
he shall not be put to shame  
when he contends with his enemies in the gate.

## The Epistle Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

*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**

**Mark 12:38-44**

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

As Jesus taught, he said, “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honor at banquets! They devour widows’ houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a penny. Then he called his disciples and said to them, “Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

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

## **The Sermon**

The Rev. Martha Vaguener

*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 *(Sung)***

O Lord, our God, we lift up our hearts to You.  
O Lord, our God, your people rejoice in You.

God of the living, God of all people,  
Lord of all life, we lift up our hearts to You.

In peace we pray to You, Lord God, who hears our prayers:  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers...

For our families, friends, and neighbors,  
and those who are alone, we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For this community, Lord, our nation,  
and our world, we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all victims of hunger, fear,  
and injustice, we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all who proclaim the gospel,  
and all who seek the truth, we pray today.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

For all who have died, may they rest within your care eternally,  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

And now we give You thanks for Your presence in our lives,  
O Lord, our God.  
Lord, hear our prayers, hear our prayers.

## **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.

### **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:*

***St. James House of Prayer Episcopal Church / 2708 N. Central Ave. / Tampa FL 33602***

### **Offertory Anthem**

*You Can't Beat God's Giving SJHOP Choir*

### **Presentation Hymn**

Walk in love as Christ loved us  
And gave himself for us.  
An offering and sacrifice to God. *(Repeat)*

### **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** (*sung*)

**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**

### *Kumbaya*

1 Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya.  
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya.  
O Lord, Kumbaya.

2 Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's crying, Lord, kumbaya  
O Lord, kumbaya.

3 Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's praying, Lord, kumbaya  
O Lord, kumbaya

4 Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya  
Someone's singing, Lord, kumbaya  
O Lord, kumbaya.

5 Kumbaya, my Lord, kumbaya.  
Kumbaya my Lord, kumbaya.  
Kumbaya, my Lord, Kumbaya.  
O Lord, Kumbaya.



*The Servant Song*

1 Brother, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

2 We are pilgrims on a journey.  
We are brothers on the road.  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night time of your fear.  
I will hold my hand out to you;  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping.  
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.

I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

6 Sister, let me be your servant.  
Let me be as Christ to you.  
Pray that I might have the grace  
To let you be my servant, too.

*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 Hymn**

*Have You Seen Jesus, My Lord*

*Refrain:*

*Have you seen Jesus, my Lord?*

*He's here in plain view.*

*Take a look, open your eyes.*

*I'll show Him to you.*

1 Have you ever looked at the sunset,  
With the sky mellowin' red,  
And the clouds suspended like feathers?  
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord. (*Refrain*)

2 Have you ever stood in the ocean,  
With the white foam at your feet,  
Felt the endless thunderin' motion?  
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord. (*Refrain*)

3 Have you ever looked at the cross,  
With a man hangin' in pain.  
And the look of love in his eyes?  
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord. (*Refrain*)

4 Have you ever stood in the family,  
With the Lord there in your midst,  
Seen the face of Christ on your neighbor?  
Then I say, you've seen Jesus my Lord. (*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**

***\*\*As candles are extinguished, bells ring announcing the end of worship\*\****

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

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|------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 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          | Ruby Lockhart       |
| Eleanor Solomon        | Stella Jacob           | Ernest Reese        |
| Richard Grinnell       | Deborah Blanchett      | Warren Nunn         |
| Morris Kennedy         | Virginia McKinney      | Rick Cybulski       |
| Maureen Cybulski       | Roderick James         | Errol Kirk          |
| David Glicksberg       | Denise Moore Contreras | Anna Valdes         |
| Cory McIntosh          | Denise Morris          | Yvonne Thomas       |

### Give thanks for...

**Birthdays this week:** Ryan Sneed (11/10), Sophia Cherry (11/13), Kevin Sneed (11/15)

**Anniversaries:** None This Week

### SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

**Celebrant and Preacher**

**Deacon**

**Musicians**

**Lector**

**Usher**

**Camera Operator**

The Rev. Martha Vaguener

The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell

Julius James & SJHOP Choir

Maisie Reddy and Barbara Scotland

Judith Taylor-Young

Leila Mizer



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