

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

July 28, 2024

*The Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Unity Sunday*



The Gathering of God's People

Opening Song *They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love*

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord.
We are one in the spirit, we are one in the Lord.
And we pray that all unity will one day be restored
(refrain)

*And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love.
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

2 We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land.
(refrain)

3 We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride.
(refrain)

4 All praise to the Father, from whom all things come.
And all praise to Christ Jesus His only Son.
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one.
(refrain)

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

Bless The Lord

Bless the Lord, my soul, and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord, my soul, who leads me into life. (repeat)

The Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The First Reading

Jeremiah 45:1-5

The word that the prophet Jeremiah spoke to Baruch son of Neriah, when he wrote these words in a scroll at the dictation of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of King Jehoiakim son of Josiah of Judah: Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, to you, O Baruch: You said, "Woe is me! The LORD has added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest." Thus you shall say to him, "Thus says the LORD: I am going to break down what I have built, and pluck up

what I have planted—that is, the whole land. And you, do you seek great things for yourself? Do not seek them; for I am going to bring disaster upon all flesh, says the LORD; but I will give you your life as a prize of war in every place to which you may go.”

To end, the Lector says The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 7:1-10

Domine, Deus meus

- 1 O LORD my God, I take refuge in you; *
save and deliver me from all who pursue me;
- 2 Lest like a lion they tear me in pieces *
and snatch me away with none to deliver me.
- 3 O LORD my God, if I have done these things: *
if there is any wickedness in my hands,
- 4 If I have repaid my friend with evil, *
or plundered him who without cause is my enemy;
- 5 Then let my enemy pursue and overtake me, *
trample my life into the ground,
and lay my honor in the dust.
- 6 Stand up, O LORD, in your wrath; *
rise up against the fury of my enemies.
- 7 Awake, O my God, decree justice; *
let the assembly of the peoples gather round you.
- 8 Be seated on your lofty throne, O Most High; *
O LORD, judge the nations.
- 9 Give judgment for me according to my righteousness, O
LORD, *
and according to my innocence, O Most High.
- 10 Let the malice of the wicked come to an end,
but establish the righteous; *
for you test the mind and heart, O righteous God.

The Epistle Reading

Acts 11:27-12:3

At that time prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world; and this took place during the reign of Claudius. The disciples determined that according to their ability, each would send relief to the believers living in Judea; this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)

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

Matthew 20:20-28

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

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

The mother of the sons of Zebedee came to Jesus with her sons, and kneeling before him, she asked a favor of him. And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Declare that these two sons of mine will sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." But Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am about to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." He said to them, "You will indeed drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left, this is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father."

When the ten heard it, they were angry with the two brothers. But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. It will not be so among you; but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be your slave; just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many."

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.

**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,

or by texting [sjhop](https://www.sjhop.com) to 73256, or by postal mail to:

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Offertory Anthem

Steal Away

Gina Sanders and Art Dunigan

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

Alleluia

(refrain) Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the Risen Lord,
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of Creation. (refrain)

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen (refrain)

3 We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever (refrain)

4 God has proclaimed the just reward,
Life for all men, alleluia. (refrain)

5 Come let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Savior. (refrain)



You Are Near

*Refrain: Yahweh, I know You are near, standing always by my side.
You guard me from the foe and You lead me in ways everlasting.*

1 Lord, You have searched my heart and
You know when I sit and when I stand.
Your hand is upon me,
protecting me from death,
keeping me from harm. *(Refrain)*

2 Where can I run from Your love?
If I climb to the heavens, You are there.
If I fly to the sunrise or sail beyond the sea,
still I'd find You there. *(Refrain)*

3 You know my heart and its ways,
You who formed me before I was born
In the secret of darkness before I saw the sun,
in my mother's womb. *(Refrain)*

4 Marvelous to me are Your works;
how profound are Your thoughts, my Lord.
Even if I could count them, they number as the stars.
You would still be there. *(Refrain)*

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 *Sing To The Lord A New Song*

1 Sing to the Lord a new song.
He to whom wonders belong.
Rejoice in God's triumph and tell of God's pow'r
O song to the Lord a new song

2 Now to the ends of the earth,
His salvation is shown.
And still he remembers His mercy and truth.
Unchanging in love to His own.

3 Sing a new song and be glad.
Publish God's praises abroad.
Let voices in chorus with trumpets and horns.
Resound for the joy of the Lord!

4 Join with the sea and the hills,
Thunders of praise to prolong,
In judgment and justice, God comes to the earth.
O sing to the Lord a new song.

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**



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	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

Give thanks for...

Birthdays this week: Julia Glicksberg (7/30), Matthew Glicksberg (7/30)

Anniversaries: None this week

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Ed Henley
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell
Musicians	Julius James & SJHOP Choir
Lector	Larraine Williams-Nunn and Deirdre Joseph
Usher	Pat Edwards
Camera Operator	Leila Mizer



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