

# ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

August 11, 2024

*The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost*

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*The Gathering of God's People*

**Opening Song**

*Magnify The Lord And Sing*

Come magnify the Lord and sing.  
Sing praises to the risen King.  
Come magnify the Lord most high,  
He's worthy to be praised.  
Come magnify the Lord most high,  
He's worthy to be praise  
(repeat)

**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**

*Spirit Of Life*

Spirit of life, well up in me.  
Sing in my heart all the stirrings of compassion.  
Blow in the wind; rise in the sea.  
Move in the hand giving life the shape of justice.  
Roots hold me close; wings set me free.  
Spirit of life, dwell in me, dwell in me.  
(repeat)

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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**

**2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

The king, David, ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, “Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom.” And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom. So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword. Absalom happened to meet the servants of David.

Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab’s armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, “Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you.” The king said to the Cushite, “Is it well with the young man Absalom?” The Cushite

answered, “May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man.”

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, “O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!”

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

## **Psalm 130**

### ***De profundis***

*Refrain: With the Lord there is mercy and plenteous redemption.*

- 1 Out of the depths have I called to you, O LORD;  
LORD, hear my voice; \*  
let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.
- 2 If you, LORD, were to note what is done amiss, \*  
O Lord, who could stand?
- 3 For there is forgiveness with you; \*  
therefore you shall be feared.
- 4 I wait for the LORD; my soul waits for him; \*  
in his word is my hope.
- 5 My soul waits for the LORD,  
more than watchmen for the morning, \*  
more than watchmen for the morning.
- 6 O Israel, wait for the LORD, \*  
for with the LORD there is mercy;
- 7 With him there is plenteous redemption, \*  
and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

## The Epistle Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

*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 6:35, 41-51**

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

Jesus said, “I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.”

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They were saying, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven?’” Jesus answered them, “Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, ‘And they shall all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

*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.*

## **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](https://www.sjhops.org) to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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

**Offertory Anthem**      *You Are My Hiding Place*  
*SJHOP Choir*

### **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

*Seek Ye First*

*Hymnal #711*

1 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God  
And His righteousness  
And all these things shall be added unto you  
Allelu Alleluia (*refrain*)

*(Refrain) Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Allelu, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Allelu, Alleluia*

2 Ask and it shall be given unto you  
Seek and ye shall find  
Knock and it shall be opened unto you  
Allelu Alleluia (*refrain*)



*Behold The Lamb*

Behold the lamb, behold the lamb.  
Slain from the foundation of the world  
For sinners, crucified mostly holy sacrifice  
Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb!

Behold the lamb, behold the lamb.  
Slain from the foundation of the world  
For sinners, crucified mostly holy sacrifice  
Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb of God,  
Behold! The Lamb!

*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**

*Alleluia! Sing To Jesus*

*Hymnal #460*

1 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!  
his the scepter, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
his the victory alone;  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Zion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.

2 Alleluia! not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,

shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

3 Alleluia! Bread of Heaven,  
thou on earth our food, our stay!

Alleluia! here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.

4 Alleluia! King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own:

Alleluia! born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

5 Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

his the scepter his the throne;

Alleluia! his the triumph,

his the victory alone;

Hark! the songs of holy Zion

thunder like a mighty flood;

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## **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  
Charnell Williams  
Denise Andretta  
Michael Carter  
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder  
Victor Ferguson  
Delores Thomas  
Eleanor Solomon  
Richard Grinnell  
Morris Kennedy  
Maureen Cybulski

Lydia Williams  
Carol Moorehead  
Lejoan Franklin  
Margaret Booth  
Joe Buczek  
Dorothy Batson  
Mac Alexander  
Stella Jacob  
Deborah Blanchett  
Virginia McKinney  
Roderick James

Janelle Goodwin  
Peter Lockhart  
Olivia Whittiker  
Mozelle Rhodes  
Clare Kennedy  
Gina Norris  
Ruby Lockhart  
Ernest Reese  
Warren Nunn  
Rick Cybulski  
Errol Kirk

**Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** Jackie Brown-Reeder (8/13), Loretta Dean (8/17)

**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  
Julius James & SJHOP Choir  
Navita James and Gina Sanders  
Victor Ferguson  
Karla Edwards



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