

# ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

August 25, 2024

*The Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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*The Gathering of God's People*

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

**Opening Song**

*Standing In The Need Of Prayer*

LEVAS #177

*Refrain:*

*It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer;  
It's me, it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer.*

1 Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer,  
Not my brother, not my sister, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. *[Refrain]*

2 Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer,  
Not the preacher, not the deacon, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. *[Refrain]*

3 Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer,  
Not my father, not my mother, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. *[Refrain]*

4 Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer,  
Not the stranger, not my neighbor, but it's me, O Lord,  
Standin' in the need of prayer. *[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**

*Glorify Thy Name*

1 Father, we love Thee, we praise Thee, We adore Thee.  
Glorify They name in all the earth.

*(Refrain)*

*Glorify Thy name, Glorify Thy name  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth.*

2 Jesus, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.  
Glorify Thy name in all the earth. *(refrain)*

3 Spirit, we love Thee, we praise Thee, we adore Thee.  
Glorify thy name in all the earth. *(refrain)*

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

## The First Reading

## 1 Kings 8:[1, 6, 10-11], 22-30, 41-43

[Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim. And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.]

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, “O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, ‘There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.’ Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, ‘My name shall be there,’ that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

“Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched

arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

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

## **Psalm 84**

### ***Quam dilecta!***

*Refrain: How dear to me is your dwelling, O Lord of hosts!*

- 1 How dear to me is your dwelling, O LORD of hosts! \*  
My soul has a desire and longing for the courts of the LORD;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- 2 The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young; \*  
by the side of your altars, O LORD of hosts,  
my King and my God.
- 3 Happy are they who dwell in your house! \*  
they will always be praising you.
- 4 Happy are the people whose strength is in you! \*  
whose hearts are set on the pilgrims' way.
- 5 Those who go through the desolate valley will find it a place  
of springs, \*  
for the early rains have covered it with pools of water.
- 6 They will climb from height to height, \*  
and the God of gods will reveal himself in Zion.
- 7 LORD God of hosts, hear my prayer; \*  
hearken, O God of Jacob.
- 8 Behold our defender, O God; \*  
and look upon the face of your Anointed.
- 9 For one day in your courts is better than a thousand in my  
own room, \*

and to stand at the threshold of the house of my God  
than to dwell in the tents of the wicked.

10 For the LORD God is both sun and shield; \*  
he will give grace and glory;

11 No good thing will the LORD withhold \*  
from those who walk with integrity.

12 O LORD of hosts, \*  
happy are they who put their trust in you!

### **The Epistle Reading**

**Ephesians 6:10-20**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

*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 6:56-69**

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

Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from

the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

*To end, the Deacon says*      The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People*      **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** to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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**Offertory Anthem**

*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

*Abba! Father!*

Refrain:

*Abba! Abba Father! You are the potter.  
We are the clay, the work of Your hands.*

1 Mold us. Mold us and fashion us  
into the image of Jesus your Son,  
of Jesus your Son. *(refrain)*

2 Father. May we be one in you?  
May we be one in you, as He is in you  
And You are in Him? *(refrain)*

3 Glory! Glory and praise to You!  
Glory and praise to you. Forever Amen *(refrain)*  
Ab-ba!



*My Lord, What A Morning LEVAS #13*

*Refrain:*

*My Lord, what a morning,  
My Lord, what a morning,  
O my Lord, what a morning,  
When the stars begin to fall.*

1 You'll hear the trumpet sound,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
When the stars begin to fall. *[Refrain]*

2 You'll hear the sinner mourn,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
When the stars begin to fall. *[Refrain]*

3 You'll hear the Christian shout,  
To wake the nations underground,  
Looking to my God's right hand,  
When the stars begin to fall. *[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**

*Be Not Afraid*

1 You shall cross the burning desert, but you shall not die of thirst.  
You shall wander far from safety though you do not know the way.  
You shall speak your words to foreign men, and they will understand.  
You shall see the face of God and live.

*Refrain: Be not afraid. I Go before you always.  
Come, follow me and I will give you rest.*

2 If you pass through raging waters in the sea, you shall not drown.  
If you walk amid the burning flames, you shall not be harmed  
If you stand before the pow'r of hell and death is at your side, know  
that I am with you through it all. *(Refrain)*

3 Blessed are your poor, for the Kingdom shall be theirs.  
Blest are you that weep and mourn for one day you shall laugh.  
And if wicked men insult and hate you all because of me  
Blessed, blessed are you! *(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

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	

**Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** Sasha Cruz Maldonado (8/25),  
Marvin Martin III (8/27), Shamara Mabra (8/29),  
Marvin Martin, Sr. (8/31)

**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**

Deirdre Joseph and Anna Valdes

**Usher**

Barbara Scotland

**Camera Operator**

Carlotta Walker



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