

ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

September 22, 2024

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost



The Gathering of God's People

Bells ring announcing the beginning of worship

Opening Song *He's Got The Whole World In His Hands*

1 He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

2 He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

3 He's got you and me brother, in his hands.
He's got you and me, sister, in his hands.
He's got you and me, brother, in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

4 He's got the pretty little baby in his hands,
He's got the pretty little baby in his hands,
He's got the pretty little baby in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

5 He's got everybody here in his hands,
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got everybody here in his hands.
He's got the whole world in his hands.

6 He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands,
He's got the whole world in his hands.

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

We Want To Thank You Our Lord

We want to thank you, our Lord.
We want to praise you, our God,
For you have passed through the heavens.
Our hearts are so much in need.
Our souls are thirsting for Thee.
O risen Christ, come fill this house,
Come forth in glory, come forth in power.
Come fill this house, come fill this house
Come forth in glory, come forth in power.
Come fill this house, come fill this house.

The Collect of the Day (*in unison*)

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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

Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find?
She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her,
and he will have no lack of gain.
She does him good, and not harm,
all the days of her life.
She seeks wool and flax,
and works with willing hands.
She is like the ships of the merchant,
she brings her food from far away.
She rises while it is still night
and provides food for her household
and tasks for her servant-girls.
She considers a field and buys it;
with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
She girds herself with strength,
and makes her arms strong.
She perceives that her merchandise is profitable.
Her lamp does not go out at night.
She puts her hands to the distaff,
and her hands hold the spindle.
She opens her hand to the poor,
and reaches out her hands to the needy.
She is not afraid for her household when it snows,
for all her household are clothed in crimson.
She makes herself coverings;
her clothing is fine linen and purple.
Her husband is known in the city gates,
taking his seat among the elders of the land.
She makes linen garments and sells them;
she supplies the merchant with sashes.
Strength and dignity are her clothing,
and she laughs at the time to come.
She opens her mouth with wisdom,
and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.
She looks well to the ways of her household,
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children rise up and call her happy;
her husband too, and he praises her:
“Many women have done excellently,
but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain,
but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
Give her a share in the fruit of her hands,
and let her works praise her in the city gates.

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

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then

peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

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 9:30-37

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

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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,

*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

Goodness Of God

Maisie Reddy

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

There Is A Balm In Gilead

LEVAS #203

Refrain:

*There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole;
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.*

1 Sometimes I feel discouraged,
And think my work's in vain,
But then the holy spirit
Revives my soul again.
[Refrain]

2 If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all. *[Refrain]*

3 Don't ever be discouraged
For Jesus is your friend,
And if you lack for knowledge,
He'll ne'er refuse to lend.
[Refrain]



Sweet Hour Of Prayer

LEVAS #178

1 Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes
known.
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief.
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2 Sweet hour of prayer,
sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word and trust His grace.
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of
prayer.

3 Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May I thy consolation share,
Till from Mount Pisgah's lofty height
I view my home and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize.
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

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

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

LEVAS #120

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.

Refrain

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet Heavenly Dove
Stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
When we shall leave this place*

2 There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know him in his fullness and believe
You're the one to profit when you say
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way" (*refrain*)

3 If you say he saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in
You can make it right if you wield
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel (*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	Anna Valdes
Cory McIntosh	Denise Morris	Yvonne Thomas

Give thanks for...

Birthdays this week: Pat Edwards (9/27)

Anniversaries: Karla and Pat Edwards (9/22)

Diane and Peter King (9/23)

Norma and Ernest Reese (9/26)

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

Barbara Scotland and Navita James

Lorraine Williams-Nunn

Leila Mizer



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