

# ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

September 8, 2024

*The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

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## *The Gathering of God's People*

Prelude

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

**Opening Song**

*I Want To Be Ready*

*LEVAS #7*

*Refrain:*

*I want to be ready,*

*I want to be ready.*

*I want to be ready*

*To walk in Jerusalem just like John.*

1 John said that Jerusalem was four-square,  
Walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
I hope, good Lord, I'll meet you there,  
Walk in Jerusalem just like John. O [*Refrain*]

2 When Peter was preaching at Pentecost,  
Walk in Jerusalem just like John.  
O he was filled with the Holy Ghost,  
Walk in Jerusalem just like John. O [*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

*Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp*

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp, a lamp unto my feet.  
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp that leads me into life.

May we begin to see Your presence in all the world around.  
May we touch, taste, hear, and smell Your presence  
For Your love perfectly surrounds

Your word, O Lord, is a lamp, a lamp unto my feet.  
Your word, O Lord, is a lamp that leads me into life.

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

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

**Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

**Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,  
and favour is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:  
the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,  
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,  
for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,  
or crush the afflicted at the gate;  
for the LORD pleads their cause  
and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

## **Psalm 125**

### ***Qui confidunt***

*Refrain: Show your goodness, O Lord, to the true of heart.*

- 1 Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, \*  
which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- 2 The hills stand about Jerusalem; \*  
so does the LORD stand round about his people,  
from this time forth for evermore.
- 3 The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land  
allotted to the just, \*  
so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- 4 Show your goodness, O LORD, to those who are good \*  
and to those who are true of heart.
- 5 As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,  
the LORD will lead them away with the evildoers; \*  
but peace be upon Israel.

## **The Epistle Reading**

**James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor

person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it.[ For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

*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 7:24-37**

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

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in

private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

*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** to 73256, or by postal mail to:*

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**Offertory Anthem**

*Jesus Loves Me*  
*Sophia Cherry*

**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

*Have Thine Own Way, Lord*

*LEVAS #145*

1 Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Thou art the potter,

I am the clay!

Mold me and make me

After thy will,

While I am waiting,

Yielded and still.

2 Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Search me and try me,

Master, today!

Purer than snow, Lord,

Wash me just now,

As in thy presence

Humbly I bow.

3 Have thine own way, Lord!

Have thine own way!

Wounded and weary,  
Help me, I pray!  
Power all power  
Surely is thine!  
Touch me and heal me,  
Savior divine!

4 Have thine own way, Lord!  
Have thine own way!  
Hold o'er my being  
Absolute sway!  
Fill with thy Spirit  
'Til all shall see  
Christ only, always,  
Living in me!



*Open Our Eyes*

Open our eyes, Lord we want to see Jesus,  
To reach out and touch Him, and say we love Him.  
Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus  
*(repeat x3)*

*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**      *We've Come This Far By Faith*

*(Refrain) We've come this far by faith,  
Leaning on the Lord;  
Trusting in His holy word,  
He's never failed me yet.  
O can't turn around.  
We've come this far by faith*

Don't be discouraged when troubles in your life  
He'll bare your burdens and move all misery and strife.  
That's why we've faith. *(refrain)*

Just the other day I heard a man say he didn't believe in God's word.  
But I can truly say that God had made a way and He's never failed me yet.  
That's why we've faith. *(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\*\****

## **Postlude**

**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	

## **Give thanks for...**

**Birthdays this week:** Rev. Martha Vaguener (9/11), Alexis Cherry (9/14)

**Anniversaries:** None this week

## **SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY**

<b>Celebrant and Preacher</b>	The Rev. Ed Henley
<b>Deacon</b>	The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell
<b>Musicians</b>	Mitch Weisiger, Julius James & SJHOP Choir
<b>Lector</b>	Ellenor Moncrief and Carlotta Walker
<b>Usher</b>	Judith Taylor Young
<b>Camera Operator</b>	Leila Mizer



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