ST. JAMES HOUSE OF PRAYER EPISCOPAL CHURCH

TAMPA, FL

October 12, 2025

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gathering of God's People

Bells ring announcing the beginning of worship*

Be thoughtful, be silent, be reverent, for this is the House of the Lord.
Before worship, speak to the Lord.
During the service, let the Lord speak to you.

Opening Hymn *Since Jesus Came Into My Heart*

1 What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought
since Jesus came into my heart!
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought
since Jesus came into my heart!

Refrain: Since… Jesus came into my heart,
since Jesus came into my heart,
Floods of joy o'er my soul like the sea billows roll
since Jesus came into my heart!

2 I have ceased from my wan'dring and going astray
since Jesus came into my heart!
And my sins which were many are all washed away
since Jesus came into my heart! *(Refrain)*

3 I'm possessed of a hope that is steadfast and sure
since Jesus came into my heart!
And no dark clouds of dark now my pathway obscure
since Jesus came into my heart! *(Refrain)*

4 There's a light in the valley of death now for me
since Jesus came into my heart!
And the gates of the city beyond I can see
since Jesus came into my heart! *(Refrain)*

5 I shall go there to dwell in that city, I know,
since Jesus came into my heart!
And I'm happy, so happy, as onward I go
since Jesus came into my heart! *(Refrain)*

Opening Acclamation **BCP #355**

Celebrant 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 *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer.
When I call answer me.
O Lord hear my prayer. O Lord hear my prayer.
Come and listen to me.

The Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; 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 29:1, 4-7**

These are the words of the letter that the prophet Jeremiah sent from Jerusalem to the remaining elders among the exiles, and to the priests, the prophets, and all the people, whom Nebuchadnezzar had taken into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon.

Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon: Build houses and live in them; plant gardens and eat what they produce. Take wives and have sons and daughters; take wives for your sons, and give your daughters in marriage, that they may bear sons and daughters; multiply there, and do not decrease. But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 66:1-11

Refrain: Be joyful in God all you lands.

1 Be joyful in God, all you lands; *
sing the glory of his Name;
sing the glory of his praise.

2 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds! *
because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

3 All the earth bows down before you, *
sings to you, sings out your Name."

4 Come now and see the works of God, *
how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

5 He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot, *
and there we rejoiced in him.

6 In his might he rules for ever;
his eyes keep watch over the nations; *
let no rebel rise up against him.

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

The Second Reading **2 Timothy 2:8-15**

Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David-- that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he will also deny us;

if we are faithless, he remains faithful--

for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

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 **Luke 17:11-19**

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

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other

nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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.

Offertory Anthem *We Have Come Into This House* *-Gina Sanders*

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 (Rite II, 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 up to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. 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.

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.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

People and Celebrant

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 Hymns

Alleluia #7 *(Sinclair)*

1 Alleluia x8

2 He's my Savior x8

3 I will praise Him x8

4 Bread of heaven x8

5 Alleluia x8

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 *We Have Decided To Follow Jesus*

1 We have decided to follow Jesus, We have decided to follow Jesus
We have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

2 For he has called us to be his people, For he has called us to be his people
For he has called us to be his people, No turning back, no turning back.

3 He is among us to heal our sorrow, He is among us to heal our sorrow
He is among us to heal our sorrow, And bring us joy, and bring us joy.

4 He goes before us unto his father, He goes before us unto his father
He goes before us unto his father, To lead us home, to lead us home.

5 He sends his spirit to be our comfort, He sends his spirit to be our comfort
He sends his spirit to be our comfort, Til he returns, til he returns.

6 Oh, come be with us our risen Savior, Oh, come be with us our risen Savior
Oh, come be with us our risen Savior, And be our joy, and be our Joy.

7 We have decided to follow Jesus We have decided to follow Jesus
We have decided to follow Jesus, No turning back, no turning back.

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of the Risen Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!**

Remember In Your Prayers for healing, guidance, comfort, or strength

Camden Agboglo
Denise Andretta
Margaret Booth
Jacquelyn Brown Reeder
Delores Thomas
Stella Jacob
Deborah Blanchett
Virginia McKinney
Anna Valdes
Yvonne Thomas
Victor Ferguson
Gene Samuel
Cayden Pinnock
Lydia Williams
Olivia Whittiker
Arsenta Sibilly
Dorothy Batson
Ruby Lockhart
Ernest Reese
Warren Nunn
Roderick James
Denise Moore Contreras
Jennifer Burke
Adrian Adams
Lawrence Cisek
CJ Pinnock
Carol Moorehead
Michael Carter
Clare Kennedy
Gina Norris
Eleanor Solomon
Richard Grinnell
Morris Kennedy
Errol Kirk
Denise Morris
Joan Dublin Paul
Lejoan Franklin
Patricia Bastille Cisek

Give thanks for…

Birthdays this week: Carlene Raymond (10/13), Bella Lester (10/13), Leila Mizer (10/18)
Anniversaries: Morris and Sarah Kennedy (10/16)

SERVING IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY

Celebrant and Preacher	The Rev. Ed Henley
Deacon	The Rev. Dr. Lynn Grinnell
Musicians	Julius James and SJHOP Choir
Lectors	Carlotta Walker and Anna Valdes
Usher	Pat Edwards
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