

## Seventeeth Sunday after Pentecost Proper Twenty

September 24, 2023 • 10:15 a.m.

**Participants** 

Celebrant & Preacher - The Rev. Phil Bjornberg

Minister of Communion – Don Gardner

Reader – Odis Coleman

Ushers - Carl Benker



We're so happy that you are joining us for worship today and pray that your worship experience is a blessing to you.

If you'd like to support God's mission through the ministry of St. James' Church please visit: stjamesglastonbury.org

Lunch in the Park September 30<sup>th</sup>

Volunteers needed:

11 am – 1 pm

Bake cookies & prepare
45-50 bag lunches

1:15 pm – 3:30 pm

Transport the lunches to the park and distribute them.

Sign up in the Atrium





### Ministry/Mission Fair Sunday October 1

Following the Worship Service

Come learn about St. James'
Mission Opportunities
and enjoy coffee and
tasty treats.





Joint Worship with St. Mark's October 8 – 11 am JB Williams Park

Sign up in the Atrium
Please bring a
dessert to share.

No Service at St. James' that day.







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#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN

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#### The Word of God

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son

and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his

kingdom, now and for

ever. Amen.



#### **The Collect for Purity**

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

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#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

All 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.



#### FIRST LESSON: Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day.



In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?"



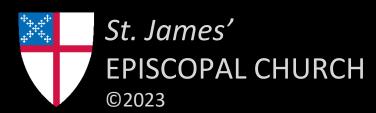
And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining." And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud.



The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God."

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?"



For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.



#### Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD and call upon his Name; \* make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him, \* and speak of all his marvelous works.
- 3 Glory in his holy Name; \* let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
- 4 Search for the LORD and his strength; \* continually seek his face.
- 5 Remember the marvels he has done, \* his wonders and the judgments of his mouth,



- 6 O offspring of Abraham his servant, \* O children of Jacob his chosen.
- 37 He led out his people with silver and gold; \* in all their tribes there was not one that stumbled.
- 38 Egypt was glad of their going, \* because they were afraid of them.
- 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering \* and a fire to give light in the night season.
- 40 They asked, and quails appeared, \* and he satisfied them with bread from heaven.
- so the river ran in the dry places.



- 41 He opened the rock, and water flowed, \* so the river ran in the dry places.
- 42. For God remembered his holy word \* and Abraham his servant.
- 43 So he led forth his people with gladness,

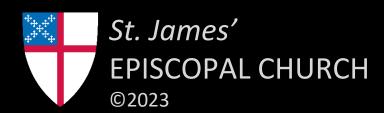
his chosen with shouts of joy.

44 He gave his people the lands of the nations, \*

and they took the fruit of others' toil,

45 That they might keep his statutes \* and observe his laws.

Hallelujah!



#### **SECOND LESSON: Philippians 1:21-30**

To me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.



Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well-- since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.



Lector

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All

Thanks be to God.



#### SEQUENCE HYMN

#9 blue hymnal
Stanzas 4-6



#### THE HOLY GOSPEL

Celebrant

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 20:1-16

*Celebrant All*  The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you,

Lord Christ.



# Sermon The Rev. Phil Bjornberg



#### THE NICENE CREED

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

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

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.



#### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(The congregation stands or kneels as they are able.)

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God. Silence

For all people in their daily life and work; For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world; For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice,

and oppression.

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For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Jeff and Laura our Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.



We remember the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer we pray for the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia and the Diocese of Spokane. In the Episcopal Church in Connecticut we pray for Christ Church, Stratford; Trinity, Tariffville and St. Peter's/Trinity, Thomaston and Youth and youth ministries; J2A, Confirm Not Conform, and all other confirmation classes and other programs that challenge youth to grow in faith & discipleship.



We pray for all who are ill, for all who are in weakness, for all who are bereaved especially Presiding Bishop Michael Curry, Sandra Assaf, Carla Bue, the DeFrances family, George, Joan Hammeal, Fred Manganelli, Bob Therian, Paul Eastlyn, The Lee Family, The Logan Family, Ray, Kate, Randy Bresson, the Bresson Family, Diane Obernesser, Joan, Nancy Dryer, Don Sauer, Dennis Macomber, Ted Mollegen and those recovering from acts of violence, that they may find comfort, strength, and healing.



I bid your own intentions, either silently or aloud.

(pause)



Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.
We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

(pause)

I bid your own intentions, either silently or aloud.



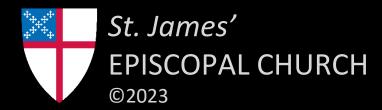
We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

I bid your own intentions, either silently or aloud.

(pause)



Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

(pause)

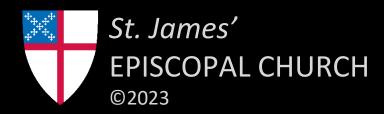


Celebrant and People Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### Celebrant

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. **Amen.** 



#### **EXCHANGE OF THE PEACE**

Celebrant The gift of God is eternal life in

Jesus Christ our Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always

with you

All and also with you.

Members of the Congregation greet one another in the name of the Lord.

God's Jar will be available for children's offerings.



#### **OFFERTORY ANTHEM**

Ain'a that good news

(see handout for information)



(as the offering is brought forward, the Celebrant says:)

Celebrant: All things come from you, O Lord.

All And of your own have we given you.



## The Holy Communion – Eucharistic Prayer B, BCP, pg. 367

(The Congregation stands as they are able.)

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 our

thanks and praise.



#### The Celebrant

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth through Jesus Christ our Lord; who on the first day of the week overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.



Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:



## SANCTUS

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Holy, holy,
      holy, holy,
      holy Lord, God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
      Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord,
            of the Lord.
      Hosanna in the highest,
      Hosanna in the highest.
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(The congregation may stand, kneel or sit.)

#### The celebrant continues:

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;



#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country



where, with James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray:

AII

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

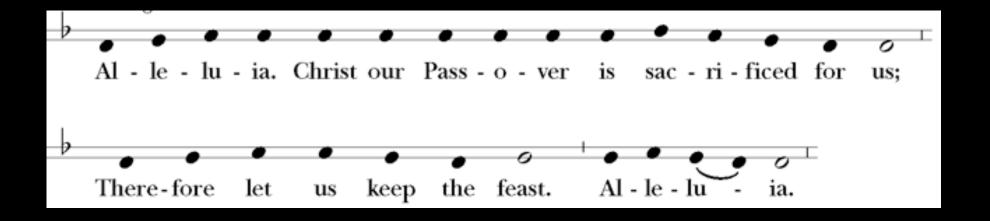
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.



## FRACTION ANTHEM





Celebrant The gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him your hearts by faith with Thanksgiving.



#### PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

(prayed by those worshipping remotely)

In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory. I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray you to come into my heart. I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart, my soul, and my mind. Amen.



#### THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion at God's table in this church.

If you prefer a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest to let the clergy know.

#### Communion Protocol In A Time of COVID

Please wait for an usher to invite you forward to receive communion. The south side of the sanctuary receives first, followed by the north side, in order to avoid crowding the center aisle.



Gluten-free communion wafers and consecrated grape juice are available upon request of the priest or the Minister of Communion.

Once you have received the communion wafer from the priest, please step to the side to receive the consecrated wine/grape juice. You may dispose of the small cup in the receptacle toward the end of the altar rail.

Intercessory Prayer – you are invited to step to the right or left around the Altar if you desire individual prayers.



#### **COMMUNION HYMNS**

#91 red hymnal LEVAS

#76 red hymnal LEVAS



#### POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant Let us pray. All

> 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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you, and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you, and give you peace. and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.** 



## RECESSIONAL HYMN

#527 blue hymnal



#### **BIRTHDAY BLESSING**

Watch over your child, O Lord, as his/her days increase; bless and guide him/her wherever he/she may be. Strengthen him/her when he/she stands; comfort him/her when discouraged or sorrowful; raise him/her up if he/she fall; and in his/her heart may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of his/her life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



# Announcements



# **Dismissal**

Celebrant

People

Thanks be to God.



