Holy Eucharist Rite 2

Hymn From all that dwell below the skies (vv. 1–2) Hymnal 380



The Word of God

Opening Sentences BCP pg. 355

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Collect for Purity BCP pg. 355

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.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Reading

Genesis 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 133 (responsively, the people's response in **bold**)

Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.

It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *

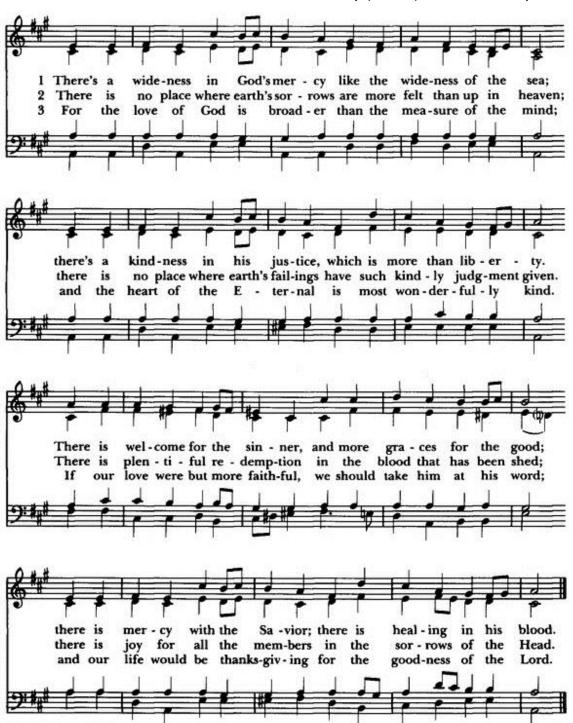
Reading

life for evermore.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.



The Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:10-28

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still

without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

HYMN

There's a wideness in God's mercy (v. 3)

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The Sermon

The Rev. George Roberts

The Nicene Creed

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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

Like the Canaanite woman, let us shout to the Lord for mercy and offer prayers for all in desperate need, responding, Lord, have mercy.

For our parish community of St. James Parish; for Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury and the worldwide Anglican Communion; for Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Ian and Laura, our Bishops, for George, our Rector, for Blake and all our staff; for our Prayer Team, Discipleship Team, Vestry, Outreach, and all who aspire to God's calling. We pray, **Lord have mercy**.

For all nations and their leaders, and for mercy, justice, and peace in the world. We especially pray for our leaders at every level, in this time of uncertainty, protest, and frustration. We pray for Lebanon, as it reels from an explosion on top of rampant unemployment, poverty, and civil unrest. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For students, teachers, administrators and nurses, in this time of fear and unknowing, as they return to school, college, or any form of study. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For travelers and for safety from violent storms. For all who continue to recover from the effects of Hurricane Esaias, for those still without power, and for those who, as always, are most directly impacted: the poor. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For all struggling with chronic or enduring illness. For those with special needs and their families, for anyone suffering from mental illness, addiction, or pain. For those in prison. We pray, **Lord, have mercy.**

For the other sick and needy, especially those who have asked for our prayer: Dee, Grayson Mark Langan, Michael, John, Laura, Allison Klingel, Eunice, Samantha Rogers, Bill Larkin; Henry, Marlene, and Kim; Ann, Peggy, Dennis, Elaine, Bonnie Mullen, and all others for whom we pray, silently or aloud ... For all in danger and need, **Lord, have mercy.**

Lifting our voices with all creation, with the blessed Virgin Mary, St. James the Apostle, and all the saints, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God through Christ. **To you, O Lord**.

God of infinite love, you heal those who call on you: Have mercy on us and grant our prayers for all the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

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.

The Peace

The Holy Communion

Offertory Anthem Brother James' Air J. Bain

The Doxology

The Great Thanksgiving – Prayer B

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The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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; 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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Paul, St. James, the Apostle 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.

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

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 trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

During Holy Communion, those at home, who cannot physically receive Communion, are encouraged to say the following prayer, one of spiritual Communion:

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I present to You my soul and body with the earnest wish that they may always be united to You. And since I cannot now receive You, O God, sacramentally, I beseech You to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to You, Almighty One, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing ever separate You from me. May I live and die, ever in Your love. Amen.

[Armed Forces Prayer Book, 1951]

After Communion, the Celebrant says

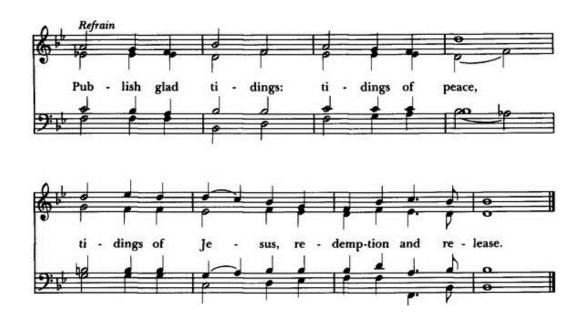
Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The Blessing

Announcements





The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Serving this week

Crucifer Chloe Roberts

Altar Guild Elizabeth McBride

Lector Janet LaPierre-Green

Ushers Jamie & Cathie Martin

Care Ministry / Flower Delivery Robyn Shover

As we celebrate our 47th wedding anniversary on August 18th, today's altar flowers are given in memory of our wonderful son, Will, and our loving parents, Robert & Helen Riemer and Wayne & Dolores Crookham.

~ Mark and Janice Riemer



Thank you to Rachel Abrams for sharing her music with us this morning.

Sunday Bible Study: Please join us via Zoom for our continuing study of Mark's Gospel, following worship on Sunday morning. We will convene at approximately 11:30 and share a time of discernment and discussion. The Zoom meeting info is:

https://zoom.us/join

Meeting ID: 848 2195 9942; Password: 504249

Join us online for worship this morning! For the best audio quality, watch us on Facebook Live (you do NOT need to have a Facebook account) – https://bit.ly/StJamesLive

September *Epistle* **deadline:** What a summer this has been! Working with the ongoing COVID related restrictions, we are thinking ahead to an activity-filled, worship-full Fall at St. James. The deadline for submitting pieces for the September *Epistle* is tomorrow, August 17th.

VIRTUOSI SUMMER FESTIVAL – AUGUST 2020













The Festival continues with these Concerts:

THE IMMORTALS - Haendel - Bach

Haendel: Organ concertos op. 4, no. 4 & 6 – Blake Hansen, harpsichord
Bach: Concerto for Two Violins in D minor – Adrian Sylveen, Brunilda Myftaraj, violins **Sunday, August 16, 7 PM** – Courtyard of the St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington

INTER-CULTURAL DIALOGS - Bach: Partitas for Violin & Percussion

Alber Baseel, percussion, Adrian Sylveen, violin

Thursday, August 20, 7 PM – Courtyard -St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington **Saturday, August 29, 7 PM** – Garden of the First Presbyterian Church of Hartford

SACRED MASTERWORKS OF THE BAROQUE - Pergolesi: Stabat Mater

Sarah Callinan, soprano, Rebecca Almeida, alto – Connecticut Virtuosi **Sunday, August 23, 7 PM** – Courtyard – St. James Episcopal Church, Farmington



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