



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

**August 20, 2023
9:30 am**

Welcome to St. James's!

*We're glad that you have joined us today to enjoy the blessings of worship
and to participate with us in God's mission in the world of justice and love.*

*However you come to this place,
exhausted or energized by life, comfortable with church or not,
gay or straight, trans, nonbinary, cisfemale or cismale;
of color or white, neurodivergent or neurotypical,
differently-abled or able-bodied, younger or older!*

*Whoever you are,
know the people of St. James's strive to love and welcome you as God does,
unconditionally and completely just as you are!*

9:30 am The Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Mabel Moore-Pollard, JT Kittredge
<i>Lead Musician</i>	Margot Chamberlain
<i>Minister of Music</i>	Patrick Michaels
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Thomas DeFreitas, Donna Thompson
<i>Ushers</i>	Nancy McArdle
<i>Videographer</i>	Michael Anthony
<i>Welcomer</i>	Nancy McArdle

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

1. Sometimes a healing word is comfort: 2. Sometimes a healing word remembers:
easing the grieved or anxious heart,
giving assurance of our caring,
treasuring each and every part.
Come, break the silence Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well. calling up days of joy or pain,
letting the past renew the present,
till hope can mend and move again.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.
3. Sometimes a healing word is angry: 4. Sometimes a healing word takes
giving a name to discontent, chances:
shining a light on sin or grievance,
calling a people to repent. going where no one yet has been,
facing the dangers of the desert,
hoping for shelter at the inn.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well. Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.
5. Sometimes a healing word will listen:
hearing the voiceless into speech,
letting the pattern of the story
move us to learn what it can teach.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

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Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People Glory to God, forever and ever. Amen.

Collect for Purity

All then pray

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.**

Spi-rit of God, un - seen as the wind, gen - tle as is the dove:

1. 2. | last time
Fine

teach us the truth and help us be-lieve, show us the Sa-viour's love! love!

1 You spoke to us long, long a - go, gave us the writ-ten word;
2 With-out your help we fail our Lord, we can-not live his way;

D.C.

we read it still, need-ing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.
we need your power, we need your strength, fol - low-ing Christ each day.

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The Collect of the Day

Presider May God be with you.

People And also be with you.

Presider 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.**

The First Reading: Genesis 45:1-15

Thomas DeFreitas

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 133

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: *
life for evermore.

The Second Reading: Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

Thomas DeFreitas

A reading from the Book of Romans.

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.

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Gospel Acclamation: Zimbabwe Alleluia



A - le - lu - ia - A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia - A - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ia A le lu ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia

A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia A - le - lu - ia.

The musical score is written in 3/4 time with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It consists of four staves. The first three staves are in treble clef, and the fourth is in bass clef. The lyrics are written below each staff, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes.

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 15:1-28

Presider The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
People Glory to you, O Christ.

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.

Presider The Gospel of the Lord.
People Praise to you, O Christ.

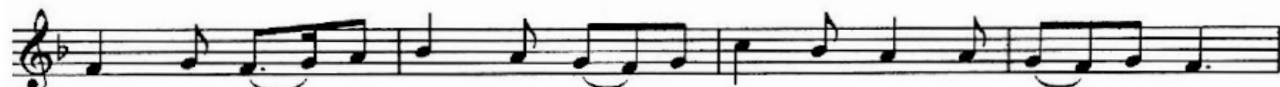
Sermon

The Rev. Matthew Stewart


Affirmation of Faith




We be - lieve_ in God al - might - y, Au - thor of all things that be.
 We be - lieve_ that Je - sus suf - fered, scourged and scorned and cru - ci - fied;
 We be - lieve_ in God's own Spir - it, bond - ing all the saints_ with - in



Mak - er of_ the earth and heav - ens, Keep - er of the sky_ and sea.
 tak - en from the cross, was bur - ied, True Life there had tru - ly died.
 one church cath - o - lic, one church ho - ly, where for - give - ness frees_ from sin;



We be - lieve_ in God's Son, Je - sus, now for us_ both Lord_ and Christ,
 We be - lieve_ that on the third_ day Christ was raised up from_ the grave,
 in the bod - y's res - ur - rec - tion, for the break - ing of_ death's chain



of_ the Spir - it and of Mar - y born to bring a - bun - dant life._
 then as - cend - ed to_ God's right_ hand. He will come to judge and save._
 gives the life_ that's ev - er - last - ing. This the faith_ that we have claimed._

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Prayers of the People

Donna Thompson

Intercessor On this day, I invite your prayer for that community of faith both here and abroad.

People Breathe on us, Breath of God. Breath of God, breathe on us.

Intercessor I invite your intercessions for this nation, all the nations, and the whole earth. May your Spirit, the Spirit of peace, justice, and hope, inspire us with the conviction to work towards the end of all hatred and violence.

People Breathe on us, Breath of God. Breath of God, breathe on us.

Intercessor I invite your intercessions for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

People Breathe on us, Breath of God. Breath of God, breathe on us.

(You are invited at this time to pray for those in need of healing.)

Intercessor In this season of summer, I invite your thanksgivings.

People Breathe on us, Breath of God. Breath of God, breathe on us.

(You are invited at this time to offer your prayers of gratitude.)

Intercessor Rejoicing in the fellowship of Mary, James, and all the saints, let us commend ourselves and one another and all our life to Christ our God.

People Breathe on us, Breath of God. Breath of God, breathe on us.

The Presider then says

O God of Love, accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us
and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls,
and to you we give glory, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Presider Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all our sin through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace

Presider The peace of God be always with you.

People And also with you.

Announcements & Celebrations

The people are now invited to come forward to share announcements, birthday and anniversary blessing requests, or prayer requests. The community's prayer is then gathered as they sing together:

May God bless you; May God keep you; May God's love be with you;
May God grant you peace and wisdom; May God ever be with you.

The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

At this time our gifts and offerings will be collected.

Offertory Hymn: In boldness look to God

VF 94

1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who
 2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -
 3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter
 4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh

Ab(G) Bbm(Am) Eb(D) Ab(G)

dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that
 ease, of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose
 part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -
 stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
 bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the
 ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
 wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em)

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
 hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
 feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
 noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

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Presentation Hymn: Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises!

Sing in English, then Sotho, then English again

Refrain Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es! All our
Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -

hearts are filled with glad - ness! Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa

Fine
prai - ses! All our hearts are filled with glad - ness!
ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la.

The Great Thanksgiving *Eucharistic Prayer (Enriching our Worship 2)*

Presider God be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

The Presider says

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God,
source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation.
Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being:
sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing.

You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways.
 But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet,
 as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us.
 Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.
 And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise
 that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

Sanctus

WLP 785



San - to, san - to, san - to, mi cor - a - zon te a - do - ra! Mi
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, my heart, my heart a - dores you! My

cor - a - zon te sa - be de - cir: san - to e - res Se - ñor.
 heart is glad to say the words: you are ho - ly, Lord.

Presider

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us
 from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace,
 you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant,
 that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus, your holy child.
 Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners,
 healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor.
 He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to
 walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice
 of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends.
 He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said:
 "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you.
 Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine.
Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said:
“Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant,
which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation,
and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come,
we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation,
the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with Mary, James, and all your saints,
from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet
prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

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

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, forever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread *(Silence is kept)*

Fraction Anthem

Presider We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

People We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

The Invitation

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Administration of Communion

The people are invited to come forward to receive communion when directed by an usher.

*Those that wish a contactless blessing or
a gluten-free, allergen-free wafer are welcome to ask for that.*

All are welcome and encouraged to receive Communion from God's table.

Communion Hymn: I heard the voice of Jesus say

VF 79

1 Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2 Christ is a-ble to make us one, at his ta-ble he sets the tone,
3 Je-sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,

bread is brok-en, the wine is poured, Christ is spok-en and seen and heard:
teach-ing peo-ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex-press:
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God Em-man-u-el ev-ery-where:

Je-sus lives a-gain, earth can breathe a-gain, pass the word a-round: loaves a-bound.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (grand staff with treble and bass clefs). The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system contains three lines of lyrics. The second system contains three lines of lyrics. The third system contains one line of lyrics. The music is in 4/4 time and G major.

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Post Communion Prayer

Presider Let us pray.

People God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

Blessing

Presider

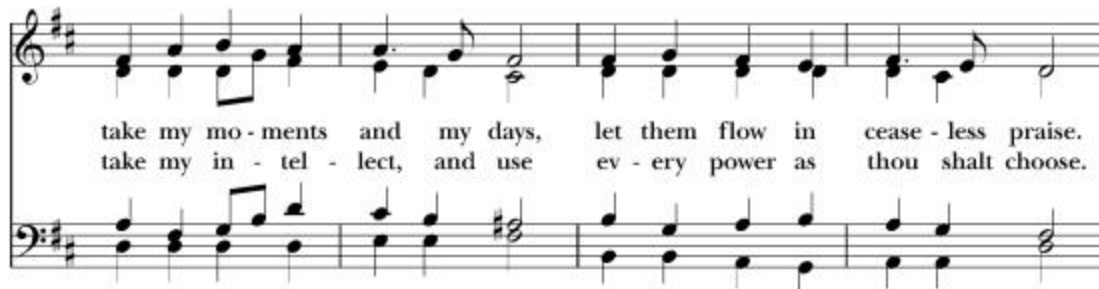
The peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of God's Son Jesus Christ;
and the blessing of God, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: Take My Life and Let It Be

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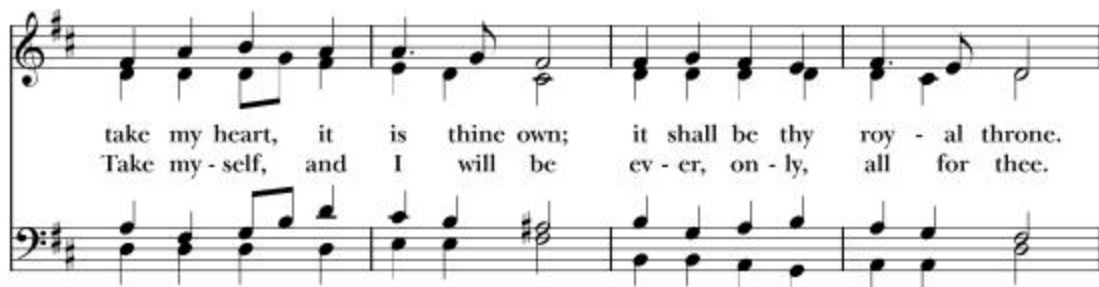
1 Take my life, and let it be con - se - crat - ed, Lord, to thee;
2 Take my voice, and let me sing al - ways, on - ly, for my King;



take my mo - ments and my days, let them flow in cease - less praise.
take my in - tel - lect, and use ev - ery power as thou shalt choose.



Take my hands, and let them move at the im - pulse of thy love;
Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no long - er mine.



take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy roy - al throne.
Take my - self, and I will be ev - er, on - ly, all for thee.

Francis Ridley Havargal (1836-1879), alt.

Dismissal

Presider Let us go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

People Thanks be to God! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Postlude

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