



**ST. JAMES'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

**August 27, 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 Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost, Holy Eucharist, Rite II

<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	Tamasin Milner-Wohlers, Marian King
<i>Lead Musician</i>	Margot Chamberlain
<i>Preacher & Presider</i>	The Rev. Matthew Stewart
<i>Readers</i>	Susan Rice, Michael Anthony
<i>Ushers</i>	Mark Agard
<i>Videographer</i>	Alice Killian
<i>Welcomer</i>	JT Kittredge

The Word of God

Prelude

Words of Welcome

Opening Hymn: Praise to the Lord

H 390

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -
 1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
 3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
 4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with
 a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
 fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
 dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

Words: Joachim Neander (1650-1680); Music: Lobe den Herren; melody from Ernsuertens Gerangbuch, 1665

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.**

Song of Praise: Spirit of God

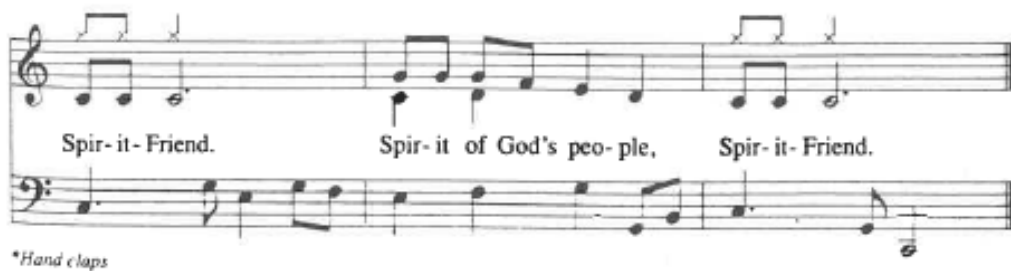
SJS 46

1 God sends us the Spir - it to be - friend and help us,
2 Dark - ened roads are clear - er, heav - y bur - dens light - er,
3 Now we are God's peo - ple, bond - ed by your pres - ence,

re - cre - ate and guide us, Spir - it - Friend. Spir - it who en - liv - ens,
when we're walk - ing with our Spir - it - Friend. Now we need not fear the
a - gents of your pur - pose, Spir - it - Friend. Lead us for - ward ev - er,

sanc - ti - fies, en - light - ens, sets us free, is now our Spir - it - Friend.
pow - ers of the dark - ness. None can o - ver - come our Spir - it - Friend.
slip - ping back - ward nev - er, to your re - made world, our Spir - it - Friend.

Refrain
Spir - it of our Fa - ther, Spir - it - Friend. Spir - it of our Je - su,



*Hand claps

Music: *Nafanua*, 12.9.12.9 with refrain; Gorja folk melody adapted by Tom Colvin 1989.
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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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Susan Rice

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt

summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

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

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 124

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;

If the LORD had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;

Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;

Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
Blessed be the LORD! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the Name of the LORD, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

The Second Reading: Romans 12:1-8

Susan Rice

A reading from the Book of Romans.

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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Gospel Acclamation: Zimbabwe Alleluia



The musical score is written in 4/4 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: 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 Holy Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

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

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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

Reflection

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._

W 768 - Words: Sylvia G. Dunstan (1955-1993), alt. Music: *Hyfrydol*, Rowland Hugh Prichard (1811-1887) arr. © Dent Davidson,

Prayers of the People

Michael Anthony

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: Be thou my vision

H 488

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3 High King of hea - ven, when vic - tory is won,
all else be nought to me, save that thou art—
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
may I reach hea - ven's joys, bright hea - ven's Sun!
thou my best thought,— by day or by night,
thou my great Fa - ther; thine own may I be;
Heart of my heart,— what - ev - er be - fall,
wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
thou in me dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vis - ion, O Ru - ler of all.

Words: Irish, ca. 700; versified Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931);
tr. Eleanor H. Hull (1860-1935), alt.

Music: *Slane*, Irish ballad melody; adapt. *The Church Hymnary*, 1927

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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: Breathe on me, breath of God

H 508

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God, fill me with life a - new,
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die;

that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.
un - til with thee I will one will, to do or to en - dure.
till all this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

Words: Fred Kaan @ 1975 Hope Publishing Music: Linstead, Jamaican folk song; adapt. Doreen Potter

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: Come, thou fount of every blessing

H 686



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my
2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,
3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er
by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good
I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a



ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.
plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by
Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering
prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me
from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from
leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.
dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Words: Robert Robinson (1735-1790) Music: Nettleton, music from *A Repository of Sacred Music, Part II*, 1813

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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