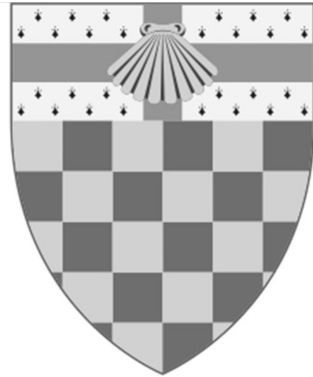


St. James'

Episcopal Church

LEESBURG, VIRGINIA



THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY

AFTER PENTECOST

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

AUGUST 16, 2020

10:00 AM

14 Cornwall Street, NW Leesburg, VA 20176

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Welcome!

Whatever your religious background, and however you have come to be here, we're glad to have you join in our praises of God today. We hope you will feel comfortable here and fulfilled, and strengthened spiritually to meet the challenges of your daily life.

The Season after Pentecost

During the season after Pentecost, we meet Jesus during his earthly ministry. We learn of Jesus' teachings and Jesus' call to us. We use this time to learn more about the Messiah so that we can serve and love others as Jesus did.

The season after Pentecost is the longest season of the Church year, stretching from the end of Easter to the beginning of Advent. It stands between two periods of exciting activity: between the joyous celebration of Christ's resurrection and the beginning of the Church year (Advent) in which we begin again to anticipate Christ's birth.

The season after Pentecost is a season of growth and refreshment. The vestments worn by clergy are green, suggesting growth and renewal. It is appropriate that Pentecost spans the agricultural season—just as crops mature during the summer months with the help of sunlight, soil, and rain, so we grow in relation to Christ as we hear Jesus' words and teachings.

The Order of Worship

PRELUDE

Trumpet Tune

Andrew Carter

OPENING HYMN - 380

From all that dwell below the skies

Old 100th

1 From all that dwell be - low the skies let
2 E - ter - nal are thy mer - cies, Lord, and
*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise

the Cre - a - tor's praise a - rise! Let the Re - deem - er's
truth e - ter - nal is thy word: thy praise shall sound from
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye

Name be sung through ev - ery land, by ev - ery tongue!
shore to shore till suns shall rise and set no more.
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE WELCOME

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Grace and peace to you from God.

God fill you with truth and joy.

The Lord be with you.

The Lord bless you.

This is the day which the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden; cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, so that we may truly love you and worthily praise your holy name; through our Savior, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

I Love you, Lord

Laurie Klein

I love you Lord. and I lift my voice, to worship You,

Oh my soul rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what You hear;

Let me be a sweet, sweet sound in Your ear.

THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Christ 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.**

The Word of God

The people are seated for the reading and the psalm.

THE 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.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the Scripture.

PSALM 133

Read responsively by alternating whole verse

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 **It is like fine oil upon the head ***
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 **It is like the dew of Hermon ***
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 21-28

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The people are seated at the invitation of the preacher.

THE SERMON

The Reverend Earl Mullins

A brief period of silence is observed for reflection on the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

Said by all, standing.

BCP p. 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.**

**Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified.
Who 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

The Leader and People pray responsively

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear when we pray in the name of your Son. Therefore in confidence and trust we pray for the Church:

Father, enliven the Church for its mission
that we may be salt of the earth and light to the world.

Breathe fresh life into your people.
Give us power to reveal Christ in word and action.

We pray for the world:

Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.

Creator of all, lead us and every people into ways of justice and peace.
That we may respect one another in freedom and truth.

Awaken in us a sense of wonder for the earth and all that is in it.
Teach us to care creatively for its resources.

We pray for the community:

Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.

God of truth, inspire with your wisdom those whose decisions affect the lives of others

that all may act with integrity and courage.

Give grace to all whose lives are linked with ours.

May we serve Christ in one another, and love as he loves us.

We pray for those in need:

Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.

God of hope, comfort and restore all who suffer in body, mind or spirit.

May they know the power of your healing love.

Make us willing agents of your compassion.

Strengthen us as we share in making people whole.

We remember those who have died and those who mourn:

Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.

We remember with thanksgiving those who have died in the faith of Christ, and those whose faith is known to you alone.

Father, into your hands we commend them.

Give comfort to those who mourn.

Bring them peace in their time of loss.

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.

May their example inspire and encourage us.

We pray for ourselves and our ministries:

Particular intercessions/ thanksgivings may be offered.

CONCLUDING COLLECT

Lord, you have called us to serve you.

Grant that we may walk in your presence: your love in our hearts, your truth in our minds, your strength in our wills; until, at the end of our journey, we know the joy of our homecoming and the welcome of your embrace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Standing, as able.*

Let us confess our sins to God.

A brief period of silence is observed.

Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said, in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done. We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness: we have sinned through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you. Forgive us, for our Savior Christ's sake, and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.

Through the cross of Christ, God have mercy on you, pardon you and set you free. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. God strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in life eternal. **Amen.**

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and are then seated.

BIRTHDAY AND ANNIVERSARY PRAYER

Watch over your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE OFFERTORY

The people remain seated while an offering is collected to support St. James' work of sharing God's love with the world.

ANTHEM AT THE OFFERTORY

Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal

*Loudoun Chorale
Max Nolan, Conductor*

Shaw Parker

Hark, I hear the harps eternal
Ringing on the farther shore;
As I near those swollen waters
With their deep and solemn roar.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb
Hallelujah! Glory to the Great I AM!

And my soul though stained with sorrow,
Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters
To the city far away.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb
Hallelujah! Glory to the Great I AM!

Souls have crossed before me saintly,
To the land of perfect rest,
And I hear them singing faintly,
In the mansions of the blest.

Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb
Hallelujah! Glory to the Great I AM!

The Holy Communion

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING “Creation and Redemption”

New Zealand

The Spirit of God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift your hearts to heaven

where Christ in glory reigns.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

It is right indeed to give you thanks most loving God, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer, the first born from the dead, the pioneer of our salvation, who is with us always, one of us, yet from the heart of God.

For with your whole created universe, we praise you for your unfailing gift of life. We thank you that you make us human and stay with us even when we turn from you to sin.

God's love is shown to us: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

In that love, dear God, righteous and strong to save, you came among us in Jesus Christ, our crucified and living Lord. You make all things new. In Christ's suffering and cross you reveal your glory and reconcile all peoples to yourself, their true and living God.

In your mercy you are now our God. Through Christ you gather us, new-born in your Spirit, a people after your own heart. We entrust ourselves to you, for you alone do justice to all people, living and departed.

Now is the acceptable time, now is the day of salvation.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets, with all the redeemed,
joyfully we praise you and say:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS - S128

Hohy, hohy, hohy Lord

Matbias

Ho - ly, ho - ly,
ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

All glory to you, Giver of life sufficient and full for all creation. Accept our praises, living God, for Jesus Christ, the one perfect offering for the world, who in the night that he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: 'Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup; 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, to forgive sin. Do this as often as you drink it to remember me.

Therefore, God of all creation, in the suffering and death of Jesus our redeemer, we meet you in your glory. We lift up the cup of salvation and call upon your name. Here and now, with this bread and wine, we celebrate your great acts of liberation, ever present and living in Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come.

Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

May Christ ascended in majesty be our new and living way, our access to you, Father, and source of all new life. In Christ we offer ourselves to do your will.

Empower our celebration with your Holy Spirit, feed us with your life, fire us with your love, confront us with your justice, and make us one in the body of Christ with all who share your gifts of love.

Through Christ, in the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Creator God. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INVITATION

The people are seated.

Our custom in the Episcopal Church is to welcome all who are baptized to receive the bread and wine at Communion (you may receive just the bread if you prefer). Please come either to the altar or a standing station. If you are not baptized, or would prefer not to receive communion, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest to receive a blessing. If you wish to receive communion, you may dip the bread in the wine or drink from the chalice. Please assist the Chaliceist by holding the base of the chalice and guiding it to your lips. If you would like Communion brought to you in your seat, please let an usher know. Consecrated gluten-free wafers are available; please inform the clergy if you have gluten sensitivity.

MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

A PRAYER OF SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Said by all, standing.

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church, where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, I desire to offer to you praise and thanksgiving. Since I cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart.

Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE BLESSING

May God whom Jesus called Abba embrace you in love for ever; may God the Servant bear your burdens with you; may God the Spirit grant you life in one another: so may the blessing of God, Abba, Servant, Spirit, be with you always.
Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

In all that you do, embody the resurrection story. Alleluia, alleluia!
Let us journey with resilient faith. Alleluia, alleluia!

Closing Hymn - 539 vs. 1, 2 and 4

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

Tidings

O Zi - on, haste, thy mis - sion high ful - fill - ing,
 Pro - claim to ev - ery peo - ple, tongue, and na - tion
 Send her - alds forth to bear the mes - sage glo - rious;
 He comes a - gain! O Zi - on, ere thou meet him,

to tell to all the world that God is Light;
 that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
 give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
 make known to ev - ery heart his sav - ing grace;

that he who made all na - tions is not will - ing
 tell how he stooped to save his lost cre - a - tion,
 pour out thy soul for them in prayer vic - to - rious
 let none whom he hath ran - somed fail to greet him,

one soul should fail to know his love and might.
 and died on earth that all might live a - bove.
 till God shall bring his king - dom's joy - ful day.
 through thy ne - glect, un - fit to see his face.

Refrain
 Pub - lish glad ti - dings: ti - dings of peace,
 ti - dings of Je - sus, re - demp - tion and re - lease.

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POSTLUDE

Psalm XIX

Marcello

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Trumpet Tune. Oxford University Press

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Announcements

Monthly Mission Partner & Matching Gift – Backpack Buddies Foundation of Loudoun

During August, we are praying for, learning about, and financially supporting Backpack Buddies Foundation of Loudoun (BBFL).

The BBFL funds, facilitates, and educates a variety of Backpack Buddies programs throughout Loudoun County in providing food to underserved children and their families. In 2019, BBFL provided \$132,000 in funding to 55 Loudoun County Public Schools Backpack Buddy programs providing over 20,600 weekend meals. As the Commonwealth school reopening strategy evolves, we continue to work closely with the school BPB programs we support to assure the delivery of meals to the children and families in need, as we did during the Spring closure.

The BBFL Board is a volunteer organization with no paid employees. Over 94% of donations received directly fund food provisioning for Backpack Buddies programs throughout Loudoun County.

While the Coronavirus has taken children out of school, it has also exacerbated the problem of food insecurity for the community we serve.

St. James' is widely known for its generosity in times of need, and help is needed now to support this critical mission. **This year, we are fortunate that a fellow member of St. James' has agreed to match "Dollar for Dollar" all donations to BBFL in the month of August.** So, \$10 becomes \$20, \$100 becomes \$200 (enough to provide a full year of weekend meals to a child in need), and so on. If you are able, please give generously to this worthy mission to www.stjamesleesburg.org/online-giving (select Fund = Monthly Mission Partner) so we can track donations for the matching gift.

Thank You in advance for your consideration and generosity - "Because Hunger Doesn't Take the Weekend Off."

Prayer requests

Those requesting our prayers this week: Margaret Haight, Brianne Bailey and Family, the Lamberty Family, Alice Lynn, Mary Paul, Inez Peebles, Caroline Ennis, the Lynch Family, the Page family, John Marsh, and the Riley family, Mary Bracken, Jennifer Griffith, Tim MacNamara, Fiona Ahrweiler and family; for other persons: Orma Call, Chris DeWaard, Jay Watkins, Mark and Meghan Roomsfa, Lori Turner, Chase Smith, the Schott family, Charlotte, Christian Cutillo, Ruth Guerra, Miline Hughes, Erin Stanton, Barbara Rose, Nancy Hylton, Bridget Steel, Matthew Britto, Betty Overson, Dewey, those who are unemployed or underemployed; and those serving in the armed forces at home and abroad.

In need of PRAYER ...in need of CARE?

“In case of illness, the minister of the congregation is to be notified.”

-The Book of Common Prayer, p. 453

Please let us know when you are in need of prayer and care.

THE REV. EARL MULLINS

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703-777-1124

WHEN SHOULD YOU CALL?

When you become seriously ill, are dealing with a newly diagnosed disease or condition, or are hospitalized for treatment, surgery, or rehabilitation

When you are experiencing a spiritual, physical, emotional or financial crisis

When you become concerned for the person who usually shares the pew with you because he or she has not been in church for a while

When you experience one of life's many transitions:

a birth, a death, a job loss/change, a move, an empty nest, retirement, etc.

When you need prayer and care but don't want to “bother” anyone with your troubles—please contact us anyway; you will not be “bothering” us!

St. James' Clergy and Staff

The Rev. Earl Mullins, Interim Rector

Dr. Steven Cooksey, Director of Music/Organist

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St. James' Worship Schedule

Holy Eucharist

Sunday 10 a.m. Online: Facebook Live

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