



SAINT JAMES CHURCH

Love God. Love People. Build Community.



Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
19 July 2020
10:30am

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The Holy Eucharist at 10:30 a.m.

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

THE INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord

Psalm 5:8, 4:9; S.S. Wesley (1810-1876), music

The Parish Choir of Saint James Church

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness, make thy way plain before my face. For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord, only that makest me dwell in safety.

THE OPENING HYMN

One Thing Remains



1. High-er than the moun-tains that I face. Strong er than the pow-er of the
2. On and on and on and on it goes. It o - ver-whelms and sat - is-fies my



grave. Con-stant in the tri - al and the change. One thing re - mains, one
soul. And I nev - er, ev - er have to be a fraid. One thing re - mains, one



thing re - mains. Your love, your love, your love will nev-er change.
thing re -



mains. Your love nev-er fails, it nev-er gives up, nev-er runs out on me. Your love



nev-er fails, it nev-er gives up, nev-er runs out on me. Your love,
love nev-er fails, it nev-er gives up, nev-er runs out on me. Your love,



In death, in life, I'm con-fi-dent and cov-ered by the power of your great



love. My debt is paid; there's
noth-ing that can sep - a - rate my heart from your great love.

THE ACCLAMATION

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the 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.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

THE SONGS OF PRAISE

Be Thou My Vision

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 nougnt 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 my dwell - ing, and I one with thee.
still be my vi - sion, O Ru - ler of all.

Text: 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

Jacob's Ladder
Traditional Spiritual arr. by Daniel Kallman (b. 1956)

The Parish Choir of Saint James Church
Erin Cooley, soloist

We are climbing Jacob's ladder, soldiers of the cross. Every rung goes higher, higher.
Sinner, do you love your Jesus? If you love him, why not serve him?

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with your spirit.*
Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON (*Please be seated*)

Romans 8:18-25

English Standard Version

For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to corruption and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
O knit my heart to you, that I may fear your Name.

¹² I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and will praise your Name for evermore.

¹³ For great is your mercy toward me; *
you have delivered my life from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴ O God, the proud have risen up against me, *
and the company of violent men have sought after my life,
and have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵ But you, O Lord God, are full of compassion and mercy, *
long-suffering, plenteous in goodness and truth.

¹⁶ O turn then unto me, and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength unto your servant, and help the son of your handmaid.

¹⁷ Show me some token of your favor, that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed, *
because you, Lord, have been my helper and comforter.

1. Fa - ther,
 2. Je - sus, we love Thee, we wor-ship and a - dore Thee, glo - ri-fy thy Name in all the
 3. Spir - it,
 4. Glo - ri-ous Trin - i- ty,
 earth. Glo - ri - fy thy Name, in all the earth.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-30, 34-43

English Standard Version

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.
 People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

He put another parable before them, saying, “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?’ He said to them, ‘An enemy has done this.’ So the servants said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he said, ‘No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, “Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

All these things Jesus said to the crowds in parables; indeed, he said nothing to them without a parable. This was to fulfill what was spoken by the prophet:

“I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed is the sons of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear.

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON

The Rev'd Arthur Jenkins

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten 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, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, "hear our prayer."

For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For Foley, our Archbishop, Mark, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our Diocese and Congregation.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith, [especially in ____].

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority, and for all in public service, [especially ____].

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For the peace of Jerusalem; for an end to all terrorism, hatred, and violence.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity, [especially ____].

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray, [especially ____].

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

The Celebrant concludes with this or some other appropriate Collect.

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence may be kept. Minister and People, together

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 Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. *Matt. 11:28*

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. *1 John 2:1-2*

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: *And with your spirit.*

THE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE ANTHEM

Beati Quorum Via

Psalm 119:1; Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

The Parish Choir of Saint James Church

Beati quorum via integra est, qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are the undefiled in the way, who walk in the law of the Lord.

THE PRESENTATION HYMN

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host: praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Text: Thomas Ken (1637-1711)

Music: OLD HUNDREDTH, Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: *And with your spirit.*
Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.
People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*
Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: *It is right to give him thanks and praise.*

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

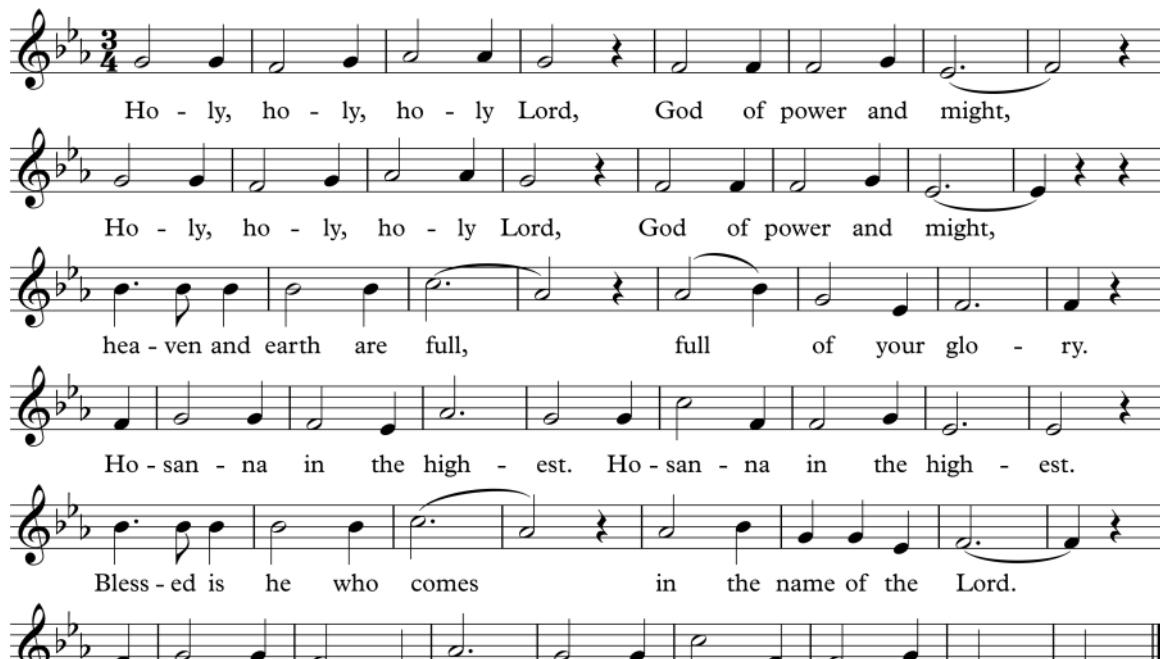
It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new.

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:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

(Hymnal S130)



The musical setting consists of six staves of music in common time and G major. The lyrics are as follows:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
heav - en and earth are full, full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. 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. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: from *Deutsche Messe*, Franz Peter Schubert (1797-1828)

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

The People kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son Jesus Christ into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the Cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body, which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: 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

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

People and Celebrant:

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 FRACTION

Celebrant: Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: *Therefore let us keep the feast.* Alleluia.

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

Celebrant and People together may say

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord,

 trusting in our own righteousness,
 but in your abundant and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up

 the crumbs under your table;
 but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy.

Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord,

 so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
 and to drink his blood,
 that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body,
 and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
 and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those who are called to the marriage supper of the Lamb.

THE PRAYER FOR SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Celebrant and People together may say

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people of Saint James Church, and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. *Amen.*

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind



1. Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man-kind, for - give our fool - ish
2. In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be - side the Sy - rian
3. O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O calm of hills a -
4. Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till all our striv - ings
5. Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy cool - ness and thy

ways! Re - clothe us in our right - ful mind, in
sea, the gra - cious call - ing of the Lord, let
bove, where Je - sus knelt to share with thee the
cease; take from our souls the strain and stress, and
balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh re - tire; speak

pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in deep - er rev - erence,
us, like them, with - out a word, rise up and fol - low
si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in - ter - pret - ed by
let our or - dered lives con - fess the beau - ty of thy
through the earth-quake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of

praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.
thee, rise up and fol - low thee.
love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!
peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.
calm, O still, small voice of calm.

Text: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892), alt.
Music: REPTON, Charles Hubert Hastings Parry (1848-1918), alt.

1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way;
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come,
3. He lives, oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought;
4. And, Lord, haste the day when our faith shall be sight,

when sor - rows, like sea bil - lows, roll; what - ev - er my lot,
let this blest as - sur - ance con - trol, that Christ hath re - gard -
my sin, not in part, but the whole, is nailed to his cross,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trum - pet shall sound

thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.
ed my help - less es - tate and hath shed his own blood for my soul.
and I bear it no more. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
and the Lord shall des - cend; e - ven so it is well with my soul.

Refrain

It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Text: Horatio Gates Spafford (1828-1888)

Music: VILLE DU HAVRE, Philip Bliss (1838-1876)

THE POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father,

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

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, gives this or an alternate blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. Amen.

THE CLOSING HYMN

Blessed Assurance

1. Bless-ed as-sur- ance, Je-sus is mine!
2. Per-fect submis-sion, per-fect de light,
3. Per-fect submis-sion, all is at rest;

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur-chase of God,
an - gels de scend-ing bring from a - bove
watch-ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

Oh, what a fore-taste of glo - ry di - vine!
vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;
I in my Sa - vior am hap - py and blest,

born of His spir - it, washed in His blood.
e - choes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa - vior all the day long:
this is my sto - ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sa - vior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby (1820-1915)
Music: Phoebe P. Knapp (1830-1908)

THE DISMISSAL

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.
People: *Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

THE CLOSING VOLUNTARY

During this week, please pray for these for whom Christ's healing power has been requested:

Bill Brown, Jayne Carter, Jan Conklin, Kelly Crone, Ashley Demosthenes, Colin Doyle, Mary Beth Fensterle, Rebecca Flood, Mary Forbes, Sanders Gering, Jonathan Hanger, Petti Lighthart, Conor McManus, Bob Jerman, Jennifer DeCiantis, Vicki Woodford, Jenny White, Janice Cargile, Eliza Kate Volousky, Jami Ward, Tina Thompson, MaryAnn Jones, Amarylis Cranwell, Paula Oakes

Remember in prayer those in military service, police, firefighters and first responders:

Brittany Cook, Sy'Asia Edwards, Brian Harris, Matthew Hickman, Stephen King, Dylan Logsdon, Theron Lord, Bradon Malasky, Jordan Pittman, John Porcher, Jason Richardson, Jon Stevens, Trey Thompson, Brian Volland, Will Woolsey, Robert Oliver

Pray for those in authority. *Romans 13:1,* **BCP Pg. 657**

Please call, 795-1623 or email rmyers@saint-james.org with the names of those for whom you would like prayer

Today's Servers

Lay Readers:

Welcome Team:

Acolytes:

Altar Guild: K. Wise, L. Wells, G. Corinth

Giving Last Week: \$24,602
needed: \$14,158

PROTOCOLS FOR RESUMING INDOOR PUBLIC WORSHIP AT SAINT JAMES

We will love our neighbor as our selves by following these protocols to keep each other healthy and safe.

FOR 10:30 WORSHIP - ONLY IN THE MINISTRY CENTER

- Enter by the one front door or the Colonnade door. The back door of the Ministry Center will be locked.
- Masks required inside buildings.
- There will be hand sanitizer and temperature checks at the table in the Foyer.
- Please proceed directly to your seat in the Ministry Center.
- Find your distance from non-family members by leaving empty chairs between you.
- Practice safe distancing between family units and individuals for seating and receiving communion.
- No physical contact (handshakes, hugs, etc...)
- No passing of the offering plate.
 - please place your offering in the plate at the head of the aisle when receiving Communion.
- **GREAT NEWS: WE MAY SING WITH OUR MASKS ON.**
- Communion in one kind (bread only), received in the hand
- Require social distancing when dismissing the congregation
- No coffee hour or other group fellowship and classes (remain online)
- Those leading worship (celebrant, lay readers, musicians and singers) may remove their masks to exercise their specific roles if adequate distance from parishioners makes this safe.
- Sick parishioners must stay at home
- No separate Children's Church or Nursery

We will continue our Live-Stream online worship offerings so that no one may feel pressured to return to worship before they feel comfortable.

(These Guidelines are approved by our Bishop and Standing Committee)

06/11/2020

Friendship Card

Name:	Birthdate:	Phone:	Marital Status:
Spouse's Name:	Birthdate:	Phone:	Guest of:
Address:	City:	State:	Zip:
Email:			
Children's Names & Ages:			



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They don't know they're sick.

With an incubation period of up to 14 days, COVID-19 can be spread without knowing.



COVID-19 carrier without a mask.

Transmission probability:
70%



Healthy person with a mask.



COVID-19 carrier with a mask.

Transmission probability:
5%



Healthy person without a mask.



COVID-19 carrier with a mask.

Transmission probability:
1.5%



Healthy person with a mask.

WEEDY PEOPLE IN YOUR GARDEN

July 19, 2020

Romans 8:18-25; Psalm 86:11-17; Matthew 13:24-30, 34-43

THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

- I loved Louise's quote: "Dirt is dirt."
- The point of the parable: "We must trust the Sower."
- Will we submit to the Gardner

SADLY THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER MUST BE FOLLOWED BY THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

vs. 24, "He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away...."

THERE IS AN ENEMY

GARDENING PRACTICE IN THE GARDEN OF THE LORD

vs. 28,29, "He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them....'

OKAY. SO HOW DO WE DEAL WITH THE WEEDS OF LIFE?

vs. 30, " Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, "Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.""

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FINAL JUDGMENT

vss. 41-43, "The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.

HOW TO HAVE "EARS TO HEAR"

"He who has ears, let him hear."

(For extra credit)

WHY DID JESUS TEACH IN PARABLES?

Due to the differing levels of listening and hearing.

- Selective hearing
- Divided hearing
- Executive hearing

Note: A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning.

The Gathering Prayer for Sunday July 19th
O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Arthur 
Exodus 20:5,6