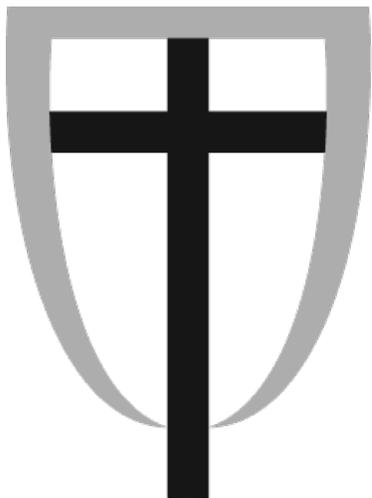


**THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY  
AFTER PENTECOST  
BAPTISM WITH  
HOLY EUCHARIST  
RITE II**

Sunday, September 6, 2020  
10:30 A.M.



ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
BATON ROUGE

*We welcome you in the name of Jesus Christ!*

*This service leaflet is meant to aid you in full participation in our Liturgy.*

*Congregational responses are printed in boldface type.*

*Hymns and other music are sung by today's cantor, James Rodrigue.*

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## Voluntary

*Song Without Words, op. 53, no. 1*

*Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)*

## THE WORD OF GOD

### Opening Hymn

*I want to walk as a child of the light*

*Houston*

### Opening Acclamation

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

*People* **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

*Celebrant* Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The First Lesson

*Ezekiel 33:7-11*

*Lector* A reading from the Prophet Ezekiel.

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, “O wicked ones, you shall surely die,” and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: “Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?” Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

*Following the lesson*

*Lector* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

## The Psalm

*Psalm 119:33-40*

*Sung by the Cantor*

- <sup>33</sup> Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, \*  
and I shall keep it to the end.
- <sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; \*  
I shall keep it with all my heart.
- <sup>35</sup> Make me go in the path of your commandments, \*  
for that is my desire.
- <sup>36</sup> Incline my heart to your decrees \*  
and not to unjust gain.
- <sup>37</sup> Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; \*  
give me life in your ways.
- <sup>38</sup> Fulfill your promise to your servant, \*  
which you make to those who fear you.
- <sup>39</sup> Turn away the reproach which I dread, \*  
because your judgments are good.
- <sup>40</sup> Behold, I long for your commandments; \*  
in your righteousness preserve my life.

## The Second Lesson

*Romans 13:8-14*

*Lector* A reading from Paul’s letter to the Romans.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your

neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

*Following the lesson*

*Lector*           The Word of the Lord.

*People*           **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sequence Hymn**   *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*St. Elizabeth*

**The Gospel Lesson**    *Matthew 18:15-20*

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

*People*         **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

*Preacher*       The Gospel of the Lord.

*People*         **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**The Sermon**

*The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon*

## **HOLY BAPTISM**

Being baptized today:

*Henry Roy Harpole and Walter Randall Lamalie*

## **Presentation and Examination of the Candidates**

*Parents and Godparents*

I present N. to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

*When all have been presented the Celebrant asks the parents and godparents*

Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Celebrant*

Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

*Parents and Godparents*

I will, with God's help.

*Then the Celebrant asks the following questions of the candidates who can speak for themselves, and of the parents and godparents who speak on behalf of the infants and younger children*

*Question* Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

*Answer* I renounce them.

*Question* Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

*Answer* I do.

*Question* Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

*Answer* I do.

*After all have been presented, the Celebrant addresses the congregation, saying*

Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

*People* **We will.**

*Celebrant* Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

## **The Baptismal Covenant**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit**

and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?  
*People* **I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People* **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers for the Candidates

*Celebrant* Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

*Leader* Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Open their hearts to your grace and truth.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.  
*People* **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Leader* Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Send them into the world in witness to your love.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**  
*Leader*        Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.  
*People*        **Lord, hear our prayer.**

*Celebrant*     Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

## Thanksgiving over the Water

*Celebrant*     The Lord be with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant*     Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People*        **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**  
*Celebrant*

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life. We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

## The Baptism

*Celebrant*     N., I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

*Celebrant*     Let us welcome the newly baptized.

**We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

## The Baptismal Anthem

*I saw water*

*Vidi aquam, arr. John Scott (1956-2015)*

## The Peace

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

*People* **And also with you.**

## Welcome & Announcements

### THE HOLY COMMUNION

## The Great Thanksgiving: *Eucharistic Prayer A*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

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

*Here a Proper Preface is said.*

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:

## Sanctus & Benedictus

*All* **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore 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. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

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,

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

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

**Music at Communion** *"If with all your hearts" from "Elijah"*

*Felix Mendelssohn*

## The Post Communion Prayer

*All*      **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

### Closing Hymn

*Alleluia, sing to Jesus*

*Hyfrydol*

## The Dismissal

*Celebrant*      Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
*People*          **Thanks be to God**

### Closing Voluntary

*Two Miniatures*

*Herbert Howells (1893-1982)*

*Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and  
in thanksgiving for the people of St. James*