

Saint James' Episcopal Church

Mill Creek Hundred

A Congregation of The Episcopal Church in Delaware



Established 1714

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

With Confirmation

August 22nd, 2021

9:30am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

WELCOME TO ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH

MILLCREEK HUNDRED

We are very pleased that you have joined us for worship today. St. James' Church is a committed and vital community, and we hope a friendly and welcoming one. If you have any questions, please don't be afraid to ask.

On Sundays we gather to "continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers". This we do in the Communion service -- the *Holy Eucharist*. All whose conscience allows are welcome to receive Communion.

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HOLY EUCHARIST 9:30AM
THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Prelude: Prelude from Te Deum

Marc Antoine Charpentier

Opening Hymn: Alleluia, sing to Jesus

Hymn 460

The people standing, the Bishop says:

Blessed by God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: ***And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.***

Bishop: There is one Body and one Spirit;

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

Bishop: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

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

Bishop: The Lord be with you.

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

Bishop: Let us pray.

Collect of the Day

Almighty God, by our baptism into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, you turn us from the old life of sin: Grant that we, being reborn to new life in him, may live in righteousness and holiness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Old Testament

Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel:

“Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.”

Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.”

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm

Psalm 34:15-22

15 The eyes of the LORD are upon the righteous, *
and his ears are open to their cry.

16 The face of the LORD is against those who do evil, *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.

17 The righteous cry, and the LORD hears them *
and delivers them from all their troubles.

18 The LORD is near to the brokenhearted *
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.

19 Many are the troubles of the righteous, *
but the LORD will deliver him out of them all.

20 He will keep safe all his bones; *
not one of them shall be broken.

21 Evil shall slay the wicked, *
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.

22 The LORD ransoms the life of his servants, *
and none will be punished who trust in him.

The Epistle

Ephesians 6:10-20

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn: As longs the deer for cooling streams

Hymn 658

The Gospel

John 6:56-69

Jesus said, “Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.”

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

After the Gospel, the Reader says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon

The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, Bishop

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

Bishop: The Candidate will now be presented.

Presenter: We present Edward Phelps Burdick for Confirmation.

Bishop: Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil?

Candidate: I do.

Bishop: Do you renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

Candidate: I do, and with God's grace I will follow him as my Savior and Lord.

Bishop: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in his life in Christ?

People: ***We will.***

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

The Baptismal Covenant

Bishop: Do you believe in God the Father?

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

Bishop: 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.

Bishop: 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.*

Bishop: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: 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.***

Bishop: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: ***I will, with God's help.***

Bishop: 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

Bishop: Let us now pray for this person who has renewed his commitment to Christ.

Leader: Deliver him, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Open his heart to your grace and truth.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Fill him with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Keep him in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Teach him to love others in the power of the Spirit.

People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Send him into the world in witness to your love.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Leader: Bring him to the fullness of your peace and glory.
People: ***Lord, hear our prayer.***

Bishop: Almighty God, we thank you that by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ you have overcome sin and brought us to yourself, and that by the sealing of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. Renew in this your servant the covenant you made with him at his Baptism. Send him forth in the power of that Spirit to perform the service you set before him; 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 Bishop lays hands upon the candidate and says

Strengthen, O Lord, your servant Edward with your Holy Spirit; empower him for your service; and sustain him all the days of his life. ***Amen.***

The Bishop concludes with this prayer

Almighty and everlasting God, let your fatherly hand ever be over this your servant; let your Holy Spirit ever be with him; and so lead him in the knowledge and obedience of your Word, that he may serve you in this life, and dwell with you in the life to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

The Peace

All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

Announcements

Offertory: Here I am Lord (St. James Choir)

Daniel L. Schutte arr. Ovid Young

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LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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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.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Gracious God, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in Jesus Christ our Lord you have received us as your sons and daughters, made us citizens of your kingdom, and given us the Holy Spirit to guide us into all truth. 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:

Celebrant and People

Sanctus (sung)

Hymnal # S-130

Then the Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious God: 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 Creator 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.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O God, 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 God, now and forever.

AMEN.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

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 Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People: Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia.

All those whose conscience allows are invited to the Lord's Table

Music during Communion: Let all mortal silence keep silence

Hymn 324

Post Communion Prayer

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After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

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.

Blessing

Concluding Hymn: Go forward, Christian soldier

Hymn 563

Dismissal

Postlude: Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

Please be aware that we are recording this service in its entirety. Any talking can be picked up by the microphones. So, please save your conversations for outside the church or after the completion of the music after the Dismissal. Thank you.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For those in our parish who have special concerns, especially: Dan, Pablo and family, Augusto, Carl, Daniel, Andrea, Mary, Wilma, Faye, Ed, Debbie, John, Tara, Olivia, Kevin, Trevor, Jo, Helen, Frank, Ellie, Diane, and May.

ST. JAMES' PASTORAL CARE TEAM

St. James' Pastoral Care Team continues to support our parish family and our community.

Please call the office (302-994-1584) and leave a message. Someone will get back to you. Messages are retrieved daily, seven days a week.

If you or someone you know is in need, we:

- Send cards, make phone calls, and pray with you and/or for you.
- Also, during this time of transition, if you need a priest, we will help with that, too.
- For now, in an abundance of caution, our home, hospital, and Eucharistic visits are on hold.

Please note: We are not always informed about parishioners entering the hospital. So, please call if you or someone you know has been admitted to the hospital.

Please let us know if you need us or someone you know needs us. We will not know if you do not tell us.

ST. JAMES' PRAYER TEAM

On the first Sunday of every month, the members of the prayer team hold a “virtual” ZOOM prayer service at 11:30 a.m. (focusing on the prayer requests shared by parishioners through calls or emails to the church office 994-1584 or to individual members of the prayer team.) We lift up these prayer requests and other concerns of the parish, community, and world.

During this time of Covid-19, the prayer team is holding ZOOM prayer team gatherings twice a month. Also, weekly we share the prayers and petitions that have been given to us and they are lifted up daily by members of the team. All are welcome to participate in these services.

Next Prayer: Next meeting will be Sunday, August 29th.

For those who have an immediate prayer need or would like to receive the ZOOM codes and join the prayer team service, we invite you to email your prayer needs/requests to Sister BJ Brown at: sisterbjbrown@gmail.com or call Cindy Fauerbach 302-584-8053

UPDATED COVID-19 RESTRICTIONS

Our firm desire is to worship our Lord in beauty, holiness, AND safety! Please be assured that the St. James' leadership team has worked hard to have meaningful worship while at the same time making our environment as safe as possible for everyone.

- Church entry time will be 9:15 a.m.
- Please sanitize hands before entering the church.
- Face masks are mandatory.
- At communion, please wait until you are back in your seat to consume your wafer.

Upcoming Visiting Clergy

Sunday, August 29 The Rev. Emily Gibson

Sunday, September 5 Chaplain John Hutchinson

SERVING US THIS MORNING

9:30 am Service

Celebrant and Preacher:	The Rt. Rev. Kevin S. Brown, Bishop
Lector / Eucharistic Minister:	Helen Balchan
Director of Music:	Keith St. John
Videographer:	Bruce Vrana
Usher:	David Perry
Vestry Greeters:	Valerie Brunson