

# 24<sup>th</sup> pentecost, proper 28

november 15, 2020

9:00 am

## LITURGY OF THE WORD AND HOLY COMMUNION – RITE 2

*Welcome to worship at St. James' or on Facebook Live.*

*Please use this Service Leaflet along with your Worship Booklet or Book of Common Prayer to join our hearts and minds in thanks and praise to our Lord God.*

*In church: Please wear your mask for speaking and singing.*

*Please use the same hymnal throughout worship and replace it in the pew rack before leaving.*

**Processional: Rise up, ye saints of God**

**Hymnal 521**

### **Collect of the Day:**

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.**

### **The First Lesson: Judges 4: 1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly for twenty years. At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgement. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, 'The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, "Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand." '

**Psalm 123 BCP 780**

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, \*  
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, \*  
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the LORD our God, \*  
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy, \*  
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, \*  
and of the derision of the proud.

### **The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11**

Concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>1</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Gradual: Day by day**

Day by day, dear Lord of Thee three things I pray;  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,  
follow thee more nearly, day by day.

### **The Gospel: Matthew 25: 14-30**

Jesus said, 'For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off

and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

**Sermon** **The Rev. Barb Mitchell, Deacon**  
**Offertory Hymn: Come, labor on** **Hymnal 541**  
**Communion Hymn: Take my life and let it be** **Hymnal 707**  
**Processional: Stand up, stand up for Jesus** **Hymnal 561**

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of Peter Bovair by Todd and Tiffany Tucker  
and in loving memory of Candy Kelly by Scott Cudney.*

*Music with permission CCLI # 1152334*

## about our worship

Every Sunday we meet in person for worship and live stream our service on our Facebook page for those who are not yet comfortable coming into public spaces. Join us in person or on our Facebook page at St. James' Lake George for

**Holy Eucharist on Sundays at 9:00 am**  
**Morning Prayer Monday thru Friday at 8:30 am**

Please wear a mask at when speaking, singing, or moving inside the church and observe 6-foot distancing for safety. Following worship, we will have a time of fellowship on the Green using the same guidelines. **If you become sick after attending any of our services, please call or email us so that we can contact all who attended that service.**

## worship & ministry leaders

	Today	Next Week
Usher/Greeter	Chuck Barton	Barbara Mitchell
Lay Reader	Kitty Lobban	Michele Mollidrem-Hotko
Intercessor	Kim Barton	Bonnie Magno

**Seek Christ. Live Christ. Share Christ.**

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## to keep in your prayers

We pray for the peace of Jerusalem, especially Christ Church ministering there. We pray God's blessing and favor upon the church in the Falkland Islands; and the Dioceses of Western Massachusetts and Western Michigan. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill and his family; for the work of the Salvation Army, and for Missionaries

We pray for protection and keeping for Douglas, Jody, Adam, Lane, Curtis, Laura, and James, and all our men and women who have served or are now serving in our Armed Forces, here and abroad.

We pray for God's protection, keeping, and blessing for all students, parents, teachers, administrators, and support staff for this school year.

We pray for comfort, strength, and healing for all who are in sickness, trouble or need, especially Joan, Andy, Apryl, Max, Marcia, Marion, Kevin, Megan, Todd, Dori, Ellie, Joyce, Stephen, Dana, Pam, Katherine, Claudia, and Holly; and for all those struggling physically, emotionally, and financially as a result of COVID-19 as well as from the natural disasters that have devastated much of our country.

We pray for wisdom and discernment for our Rector and Vestry as they lead St. James': Mtr. Jean, Barbara, Jay, Bonnie, Jackie, Michele, and Mick.

We give thanks for Scott Cudney who celebrates a birthday this week.

## read, mark, and inwardly digest

**Using our hymnals again:** Please use the same hymnal throughout worship and replace in the pew rack before leaving worship. Hymnals will remain unused until next week's worship.

**Today is RDF Sunday** - your gifts to the Rector's Discretionary Fund and the Deacon's Discretionary Fund help our Clergy to help others. We collect once a month on the third Sunday for this ministry.

**Shoebox Ministry:** Today we will pack all the donated items into shoeboxes and send them off to Samaritan's Purse. Please consider paying postage at \$9.00 per box. God bless you for your support of this ministry!

**Wednesday Worship:** Meet with us on ZOOM to study the minor prophets at 6 pm each Wednesday. Contact Dcn. Barb if you want to join and she will email you the ZOOM invitation.

**A Grief Share group** is on Tuesday evenings at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. Please contact Deacon Barb for information.

**Thank you!** Your commitment to support St. James' with your time, talents, and treasures gives us both hope and encouragement for 2021. God is at work within us, among us, and through us. Thank you for giving to our ministry to one another and to our world. God bless you!

**Next week's Scripture lessons** ... to read ahead and prepare your heart for worship: Ezekiel 34: 11-16, 20-24; Psalm 100; Ephesians 1: 15-23; Matthew 25; 21-46.