

23RD pentecost, proper 27

november 8, 2020

9:00 am

holy eucharist - 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: Immortal, invisible, God only wise Hymnal 423

Collect of the Day:

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. AMEN.

The First Lesson: Joshua 24: 1-3a, 14-25

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: Long ago your ancestors - Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor - lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; '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.' But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

Psalm 78: 1-7

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- 1 Hear my teaching, O my people; *
incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
- 2 I will open my mouth in a parable; *
I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.
- 3 That which we have heard and known,
and what our forefathers have told us, *
we will not hide from their children.
- 4 We will recount to generations to come
the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the LORD, *
and the wonderful works he has done.
- 5 He gave his decrees to Jacob and established a law for Israel, *
which he commanded them to teach their children;
- 6 That the generations to come might know,
and the children yet unborn; *
that they in their turn might tell it to their children;
- 7 So that they might put their trust in God, *
and not forget the deeds of God, but keep his
commandments

The Epistle: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

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: 1-13

Jesus said, "the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

Sermon

The Rev. Jean M. DeVaty

Offertory Hymn: Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Hymnal 68

Communion Hymn: How great thou art Green Hymnal 51

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain:

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
how great thou art, how great thou art!

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When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze. *Refrain*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin. *Refrain*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" *Refrain*

Processional: Love divine, all loves excelling

Hymnal 657

*The altar flowers today are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of Grace Verbeck by Steve & Kitty Lobban.*

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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	Dave Mitchell	Chuck Barton
Lay Reader	Bonnie Magno	Kitty Lobban
Intercessor	Michele Hotko	Kim Barton

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 Spain; and the Dioceses of Western Kansas and Western Louisiana. In our Diocese we ask your blessing and favor upon our Bishop Bill and his family; for increase in the Daughters of the King, shelter and protection for the Homeless, blessing upon all Veterans, and for Healing Ministries.

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, Jayme, 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.

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.

Shoebbox Ministry: On Sunday, November 15 we will pack all the donated items into shoeboxes and send them off to Samaritan's Purse. Please be sure to bring in all your gift items by then or 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 will begin November 10 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: Judges 4: 1-7; Psalm 123; 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30.