

## THE PROPER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • JULY 16, 2023 9:30AM

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Rise up, Ye Saints of God!* H 551

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 25:19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,  
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;  
the one shall be stronger than the other,  
the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty

years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

#### THE PSALM

#### PSALM 119:105-112

- 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet \*  
**and a light upon my path.**
- 106 I have sworn and am determined \*  
**to keep your righteous judgments.**
- 107 I am deeply troubled; \*  
**preserve my life, O LORD, according to your word.**
- 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my lips, \*  
**and teach me your judgments.**
- 109 My life is always in my hand, \*  
**yet I do not forget your law.**
- 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, \*  
**but I have not strayed from your commandments.**
- 111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
**truly, they are the joy of my heart.**

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your statutes \*  
**for ever and to the end.**

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \*  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever.  
Amen.*

**THE EPISTLE**

**ROMANS 8:1-11**

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

*“Praise the Name of Jesus” (2x)*

**Praise the name of Jesus,**

**Praise the name of Jesus:**

**He’s my rock, He’s my fortress,**

**He’s my deliverer, in Him I will trust.**

**Praise the name of Jesus.**

**THE HOLY GOSPEL**

**MATTHEW 13:1-9, 18-23**

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!”

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the

lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN      “*Change My Heart, O God*”      (2x)

**Change my heart, oh God, make it ever true;**

**Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.**

**You are the Potter, I am the clay;**

**Mold me and make me, this is what I pray.**

**Change my heart, oh God, make it every true;**

**Change my heart, oh God, may I be like You.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE FORM III

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**Intercessor:** Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

**People:** That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

**People:** That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

**People:** That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

**People:** That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

**People:** That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

**People: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest...

**People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

**People: May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others, especially those on our parish prayer list...

*Silence*

OFFERTORY HYMN

***“God is Worthy”***

**God is worthy, His name be praised,**

**God is worthy, His name be praised,**

**God is worthy, His name be praised,**

**Give praise, give praise to the Lord.**

**Jesus the Son, His name be praised,**

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**Jesus the Son, His name be praised,**

**Give praise, give praise to the Lord.**

**Holy is the Spirit; His name be praised,**

**Holy is the Spirit; His name be praised,**

**Holy is the Spirit; His name be praised,**

**Give praise, give praise to the Lord.**

COMMUNION HYMN      *“Commune With Me”*

**Commune with me, commune with me  
between the wings of the cherubim, commune with me. (2x)**

**I worship You I worship You  
between the wings of the cherubim, I worship You. (2x)**

**I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there  
between the wings of the cherubim, I'll meet You there. (2x)**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord*    **H 304**



## NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the seventh Sunday after Pentecost.

*Attention: No Coffee Hour this morning. Please use caution walking through Feaster Hall towards the restrooms.*

### **Father Errol Harvey—Priest-in-Residence**

Please feel free to reach him at (917) 653-8839 for any inquiries and pastoral emergencies.

### **OFFICE CLOSED 7/21 - 7/26**

Please note: Our Administrative Assistant will be out of the office this Friday, July 21st through Wednesday, July 26th.

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

Bill and Lynn will be leaving very soon for life in Connecticut.

As all of you know, Bill and Lynn have been devoted members of Saint James-in-the-Hills for almost forty-four, and thirty-three years respectively. Over all of these years, they have served the Church in many significant and important ways- as delegates to the Diocesan Conventions, Vestry officers and members, Bill as Chair of the Board of the Jubilee Center and Finance Officer, Lynn as Altar Guild Directress and both have been faithful members of the Bible Study class since 2005, to mention but a few of the many ways they have served God and Saint James.

A festive and very special reception will be held in their honor following the 9:30 a.m. Sunday service on August 13th, 2023. Let us remember this date, and be present to show them our warm affection and deep appreciation for their work among us.

*Everyone is invited to attend this reception on August 13th. In order to help those preparing the menu for the event, if you are attending, please sign up; the sign-up list will be in its usual place on the Bulletin board outside the Church Office. Please RSVP no later than July 30th. Thank you! Joy Williams*



## **HURRICANE SEASON HAS BEGUN**

The 2023 Atlantic hurricane season officially began on June 1st and will end on November 30th. Please stay up to date and prepared.



## **NO BUNCO IN JULY**

Attention: There will be no Bunco night in the month of July. We will resume in August.

## **PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES**

If you need a name badge, please see Diane Kinishi or email her at [dianeandgene@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeandgene@hotmail.com)

## **MONTHLY VESTRY MEETINGS**

Vestry meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00pm. Anyone who has a concern and would like to bring it to the Vestry, please contact the Office for Zoom meeting information.

## **UPCOMING BAPTISMS**

Please note the sacrament of Holy Baptism will be held semi-annually on Easter Saturday and All Saints' Sunday. Baptismal application forms are available from the Office and in the Sanctuary.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS: Following the tragedy at St. Stephen's Episcopal in Alabama, the Diocese encourages churches to remain vigilant in the safety and security of its congregants during worship services. St. James will continue to keep the outer doors locked once the service has begun. In the case of late arrivals, an usher/greeter will be present to open the doors for you.**

## **ST. JAMES CHILDCARE PROGRAM**

Please continue to keep this initiative in your prayers.

## **DAILY DEVOTIONALS**

Forward Movement's Day-by-Day devotionals for MAY-JUNE-JULY are available on Sundays and from the Church Office during the week.

*Please stay safe and keep the faith.*

*Please Pray for...*

Our Anglican Community:  
**The Anglican Church of Canada**

Those in our Parish:

**Mary Rodriguez, Pete Rodriguez, Stan Allen Jr., Sarah Allen, Nicholas and Jonathan Saunders, Heather and Ed Reid, Riley Ruppert-Richendollar, Pat Miller, Stephanie and Jackson Gomez, Jacky and James Lowe, Maud Fernander, Jan Pushkar, Rudy Ford, Karron Bacchus, Ben Martinez, Donna Tolbert, Loretta Steward, Michael Fowler, Janet Sanford, Rick Sanford, Paula Simmons, Marie Henderson-Williams, Melanie Kenney, Dan Schwarz, Rita Mahoney, Wendy Pellew, Sofia Maduro, Mike and Carla Rossano, Anna and Thomas Carter, Mary Jo Mazzetta, Sonia Fiedrick, Lori Jasper, Alan Demascus, Rylma Sanchez-Cifuentes, Helen Potter, Kathy Sands Manuel McDuffie, Paul Crosta, Deb Terzino, Pat Ferdinand, Michael Ryan, Joshua Bynoe, Foti & Christina Stavros, Matthew Smith, David Groome, Luis Galvis, Adrian Bukur**

*We pray for the members of our parish family who are celebrating their birthday this week:*

**Jack Yanan, Lorna Smith, Shawn Yanan, Rosemary Saunders**

**We continue to pray for the homeless, the people of Madagascar, particularly the women and children, for peace in Ukraine, and for the victims of gun violence and their families.**

**We continue to pray for continued protection and healing for all those dealing with the COVID-19 pandemic.**

**Prayer of Protection from Hurricanes**

Almighty God, Creator and Redeemer of humankind, grant to us your supplicant people, protection against the ravages of hurricanes, floods, and other calamities; that in tranquility of weather we may rejoice in the comfort that we ever desire and may always make right use of Your great goodness and mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## **Lay Eucharistic Visitor Commissioning**

**Priest:** Please come forward those who are commended by the Bishop for this ministry and will be visiting this week. In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go, may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

**Congregation:** *We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.*

### **MEETINGS & EVENTS**

**Sunday, July 16th**

*No Fellowship Hour*

**Thursday, July 20th**

Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00pm

**Friday, July 21st - Wednesday, July 26th**

*Office Closed*



Amanda Groome, our Administrative Assistant, is available in our Parish Office Monday through Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. and via Office Email:

**office@stjameshollywood.com**  
**stjameshollywood@gmail.com**

*Please note, all bulletin announcements and prayer requests must be received in the Parish Office by **Thursday at 2:00 p.m.** in order to be published in the following Sunday's bulletin.*

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

The mission of St. James in-the-Hills Episcopal Church is to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit and to invite all of God's diverse community into a personal relationship with our Lord.

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**stjameshollywood.com**

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