

# THE PROPER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

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EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • JULY 23, 2023 9:30AM

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

*Amazing Grace!* (v.1-3) H 671

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

COLLECT FOR SAINT JAMES THE APOSTLE

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; 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 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to

you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.” Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, “Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!” And he was afraid, and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.”

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## THE PSALM

PSALM 139:1-11, 22-23

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
**you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
**and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
**but you, O LORD, know it altogether.**
- 4 You press upon me behind and before \*  
**and lay your hand upon me.**
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
**it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
**where can I flee from your presence?**
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
**if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.**
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning \*  
**and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

- 9 Even there your hand will lead me \*  
**and your right hand hold me fast.**
- 10 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
**and the light around me turn to night,"**
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
**darkness and light to you are both alike.**
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \*  
**try me and know my restless thoughts.**
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*  
**and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

*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 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now;

and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL HYMN

***“In His Time” (2x)***

**In His time, in His time,**

**He makes all things beautiful in His time.**

**Lord, please show me ev'ry day,**

**as You're teaching me your way,**

**that You do just what You say in Your time.**

**In Your time, in Your time,**

**You make all things beautiful in Your time.**

**Lord, my life to You I bring,**

**may each song I have to sing**

**be to You a lovely thing in Your time.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 13:24-30, 36-43

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

**Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds

come from?’ He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”

*The Holy Gospel of our Lord.*

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

GRADUAL HYMN “*These Things I Have Spoken Unto You*” (2x)

**These things I have spoken unto you,  
that in me ye might have peace.  
In the world ye shall have tribulation,  
but be of good cheer, be of good cheer,  
for I have overcome the world.**

**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 “*He’s Got the Whole World in His Hand*”

**He’s got the whole world in His hand, (4x)**

**He’s got you and me sister, in His hand, (4x)**

**He’s got you and me brother, in His hand, (4x)**

**He’s got the pretty little baby, in His hand, (4x)**

COMMUNION HYMN      *“Softly and Tenderly”*

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,  
Calling for you and for me;  
Patient and loving, He’s waiting and watching,  
Watching for you and for me.**

*Refrain: Come home, come home,  
Ye who are weary, come home;*

Earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling, Calling, “O sinner, come home!”

**Why should we linger when Jesus is pleading,  
Pleading for you and for me?  
Why should we wait, then, and heed not His mercies,  
Mercies for you and for me? *Refrain*  
O for the wonderful love He has promised,  
Promised for you and for me;  
Though we have sinned He has mercy and pardon,  
Pardon for you and for me. *Refrain***

RECESSIONAL HYMN

*Lord, Dismiss us with Thy Blessing*      **H 344**



## NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

*Please join us after the service in Feaster Hall for Coffee Hour hosted by Liz Miller. We thank her for her kindness!*

### **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 7/21 through Wednesday, July 26th.

### **DON'T MISS "CHILLIN' WITH FATHER GUY"!**

On Saturday, July 29th beginning at 5 p.m., all are invited to stop by Feaster Hall for an informal get-together with Father Guy while he is in town. He will be leaving Sunday afternoon, so he requested a relaxed way to visit with beloved parishioners Saturday evening. If you would like to bring a favorite dish you used to make (*or always wanted to make*) for Father Guy, you are welcome to do so. A small platter or crockpot would be an appropriate quantity since we will not be able to reheat dishes or refrigerate leftovers. If you are bringing a dish, **please contact Diane Kinishi by July 27th** via phone call or text at 954-966-5757 or email her at [dianeandgene@hotmail.com](mailto:dianeandgene@hotmail.com). Fr. Guy looks forward to chilling with us!

### **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 AUG-SEPT-OCT 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 Church of the Province of Central Africa**

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:*

**Geneva Cizek, Maggie Miller, Marie Henderson-Williams, Joseph Becker, Joseph Yanan, Amanda Groome**

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

**Corinna & Arthur Bilotti**

**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 23rd**

Fellowship Hour

**Tuesday, July 25th**

Feast Day of Saint James the Apostle

**Wednesday, July 26th**

*Office Closed*

**Thursday, July 27th**

Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00pm

**Saturday, July 29th**

Visit from Father Hewitt - Feaster Hall - 5:00pm



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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