

THE PROPER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • AUGUST 20, 2023 9:30AM

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Be thou my vision H 488

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; 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 OLD TESTAMENT

GENESIS 45:1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, “Send everyone away from me.” So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to

Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.” Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

PSALM 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the LORD has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

*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 11:1-2a, 29-32**

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN***“Spirit of the Living God” (2x)***

Spirit of the living God fall afresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me,

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.

THE HOLY GOSPEL**MATTHEW 15: (10-20), 21-28**

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, “Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.” Then the disciples approached and said to him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?” He answered, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.”

But Peter said to him, “Explain this parable to us.” Then he said, “Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.”]

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.” But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.” Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN *“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”* (2x)

**Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow
strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.**

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.

O Eternal God, bless all schools, colleges, and universities that they may be lively centers for sound learning, new discovery, and the pursuit of wisdom; and grant that those who teach and those who learn may find you to be the source of all truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

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

Silence

OFFERTORY HYMN

“Be Still & Know”

Be still and know that I am God. (3x)

I am the Lord that healeth thee. (3x)

In Thee, O Lord, I put my trust. (3x)

COMMUNION HYMN

“Commune with Me”

**Commune with me, commune with me
between the wings of the cherubim, commune with me.**

**Commune with me, commune with me
between the wings of the cherubim, commune with me.**

**I worship You I worship You
between the wings of the cherubim, I worship You.**

**I worship You I worship You
between the wings of the cherubim, I worship You.**

**I'll meet You there, I'll meet You there
between the wings of the cherubim, I'll meet You there.**

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between the wings of the cherubim, I'll meet You there.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross **H 474**





NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

Please join us after the service in Feaster Hall for Coffee Hour hosted by The Cizek Family. We thank them for their kindness!

Father Errol Harvey—Priest-in-Residence

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

ATTENTION

On **Wednesday, August 23rd** the Office Staff, Senior and Junior Wardens are attending an online webinar from 10am to 1pm, please do not disturb.

BUNCO!

Saturday, August 26th Doors open at 4pm and game starts at 4:30pm. Bunco is a very easy game with no skills required! It's a great way to mingle and test your luck around the room! Adults to play are \$5 and children ages 5-10 are \$3. Volunteers may elect themselves to host different Bunco nights if they wish.

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.



COFFEE HOUR VOLUNTEERS

Those who have signed up to volunteer as host for coffee hours, please contact the Office for any inquiries on supplies and procedures.

PLEASE WEAR YOUR NAME BADGES

If you need a name badge, please see Diane Kinishi or email her at 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 England

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, 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, Bryson Bynoe, Matthew Smith, Luis Galvis, Adrian Bukur, Maximus Pillai, Rebecca, Chris & Leilani Gamboa, Daniel Schwarz, Amanda Groome, Sherry Reitz, Silvia Flores

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

Liz Miller, Bill Bliss, Paula Simmons, Colleen Crowder

We continue to pray for the homeless, the people of Madagascar, particularly the women and children, for peace in Ukraine, the people of Lahaina, Hawaii, 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, August 20th

Fellowship Hour

Monday, August 21st

First Day of School - BCPS

Wednesday, August 23rd

Office Staff's Episcopal Summit Webinar

Office Closed

Thursday, August 24th

Bible Study via Zoom - 7:00p.m.

Saturday, August 26th

Bunco - 4:00p.m.

**BACK to
SCHOOL**



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:

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*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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