

THE PROPER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 10, 2023 9:30AM

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Immortal, invisible, God only wise H 423

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; 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

Exodus 12:1-14

The LORD said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your

loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the Passover of the LORD. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the LORD; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 149

1 Hallelujah!

Sing to the LORD a new song; *

sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *

let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

3 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *

let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

4 For the LORD takes pleasure in his people *

and adorns the poor with victory.

5 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *

let them be joyful on their beds.

6 Let the praises of God be in their throat *

and a two-edged sword in their hand;

7 To wreak vengeance on the nations *

and punishment on the peoples;

8 To bind their kings in chains *

and their nobles with links of iron;

9 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people.
Hallelujah!

*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 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet”; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, “Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

“Open Our Eyes” (2x)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him,
and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

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

Jesus said, “If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN REPEAT *“Open Our Eyes”* (2x)

**Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus,
to reach out and touch Him,
and say that we love Him.**

**Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen,
Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.**

HYMNS DURING THE SERMON

“His Eye is on the Sparrow”

**Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, and long for heav’n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.**

*Refrain: I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free,
For His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.*

**“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth, but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. *Refrain***

**Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me. *Refrain***

“Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine”

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long. (2x)*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love. *Refrain***

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blessed;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love. *Refrain***

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 *“We Have Come Into This House”*

**We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Him. (2x)**

**We have come into His house
and gathered in His name to worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

**So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Him. (2x)**

**So forget about yourself
and concentrate on Him and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

**Let us lift up holy hands
and magnify His name and worship Him. (2x)
Let us lift up holy hands
and magnify His name and worship Christ the Lord.
Worship Him, Christ the Lord.**

COMMUNION HYMNS *“Surely the Presence of the Lord is in This Place”*

**Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel His mighty power and His grace.
I can hear the brush of angel’s wings,
I see glory on each face;
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.**

“In the Quiet of the Morning”

**In the quiet of the morning, I will worship Your name.
I will lift my voice with singing to praise You again.
For it fills my heart with gladness
That remains through the day,
In the quiet of the morning, I will worship Your name.**

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Amazing Grace H 671



NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

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

Please join us after the service in Feaster Hall for Coffee Hour hosted by Diane & Gene. 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.

Fr. Harvey's Farewell

We thank Father Harvey for his service here at St. James over the past year, please join us on **Sunday, September 24th** to worship with him one last time. Please celebrate with us following the service in Feaster Hall for a special Fellowship Hour dedicated to him!

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY!

We offer very warm and special blessings to all the grandparents and great-grandparents today in our parish!

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. For any Sunday's not chosen by volunteers, simply the **coffee station only** will be provided.

STREAMING VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are in need of assistance with our media streaming. If you are interested in being a part of our Media Ministry, please reach out to Joseph Muñoz for training. Also, thanks to Elisha and Laurence Clarke for their dedication to the St. James Media Ministry, keeping our parishioners connected online.

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 Ireland

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, Maud Fernander, Jan Pushkar, Rudy Ford, Karron Bacchus, Ben Martinez, Donna Tolbert, Loretta Steward, Michael Fowler, 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, Paul Crosta, Deb Terzino, Pat Ferdinand, Michael Ryan, Bryson Bynoe, Matthew Smith, Luis Galvis, Adrian Bukur, Maximus Pillai, Rebecca, Chris, Leilani Gamboa, Sherry Reitz, Silvia Flores, Suzi and Rudy Ford, Joseph Muñoz, Sr., Brian Becker

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

**Ken Liverpool, Jennifer Muñoz, Colleen Beagle Massimo,
Pete Rodriguez**

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.

Prayer for our Parish Search Committee

Almighty God, giver of every good gift: Look graciously on your Church, and so guide the minds of those who shall choose a rector for this parish, that we may receive a faithful priest, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries; 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, September 10th

Fellowship Hour
Grandparents Day

Monday, September 11th

Patriot Day - 9/11 Remembrance Day

Tuesday, September 12th

Vestry Meeting via Zoom - 7:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 14th

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

Sunday, September 24th

Father Harvey's Final Service



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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