

THE PROPER & ANNOUNCEMENTS

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 17, 2023 9:30AM

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

When I survey the wondrous cross H 474

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Priest: Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; 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 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALM

Psalm 114

1 Hallelujah!

When Israel came out of Egypt, *
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,

2 Judah became God's sanctuary *
and Israel his dominion.

3 The sea beheld it and fled; *
Jordan turned and went back.

4 The mountains skipped like rams, *
and the little hills like young sheep.

5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? *
O Jordan, that you turned back?

6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? *
you little hills like young sheep?

7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, *

at the presence of the God of Jacob,

8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water *
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

*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 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,

and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GRADUAL HYMN

"In His Presence"

In His presence there is comfort;

In His presence there is peace.

**When we seek the Father's heart
we will find such bless'd assurance
in the presence of the Lord.**

In Your presence there is comfort;

In Your presence there is peace.

**When we seek to know Your heart
we will find such bless'd assurance
in Your holy presence, Lord.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MATTHEW 18:21-35

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

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him,

saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

The Holy Gospel of our Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

GRADUAL HYMN

“In His Time”

**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.**

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

“Seek Ye First”

**Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you, allelu, alleluia.**

**Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev’ry word that proceeds from the mouth of God,
allelu, alleluia.**

**Ask, and it shall be given unto you.
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
allelu, alleluia.**

COMMUNION HYMNS *“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.**

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven **H 410**



NOTICES

Sisters and brothers in Christ,

We pray that you are well on this the sixteenth 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!

Fr. Harvey's Farewell

We thank Father Harvey for his service here at St. James over the past year, please join us next **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!



BUNCO

Saturday, September 30th 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.



FROM THE MUSIC MINISTRY

The St. James parish music ministry would like to apologize for the absence of an organist at this time. We are currently in the process of interviewing

potential candidates to enrich our worship services.

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.

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 the Indian Ocean

Those in our Parish:

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, Debra Beland

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

Bob Whitehead, Jeanette Simmons

We pray for the repose of the soul of Mary Rodriguez who passed last week in hospice care, for her husband Pete, and for their entire family. May she rest in peace and rise in glory.

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 17th

Fellowship Hour

Thursday, September 21st

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

Saturday, September 23rd

Funeral Service Cynthia Lewison - 11:30 a.m.

Sunday, September 24th

Father Harvey's Final Service

Saturday, September 30th

Bunco Night - Feaster Hall - 4:00 p.m.



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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