

**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL**

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Sunday, September 19th, 2021**

**The Reverend James Jacob, Priest**



**Entrance Hymn: "Praise to the Lord"**

**H 390**

**The Holy Eucharist: Rite Two**

**BCP 355**

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant may say*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

*When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing*

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

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**People: And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

**Collect for the Day:** Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

### **The First Lesson**

#### **First Reading: A Reading from the Book of the Prophet Jeremiah Chapter 11:18-20**

It was the Lord who made it known to me, and I knew;  
then you showed me their evil deeds. But I was like a gentle lamb  
led to the slaughter. And I did not know it was against me  
that they devised schemes, saying, "Let us destroy the tree with its fruit,  
let us cut him off from the land of the living,  
so that his name will no longer be remembered!"  
But you, O Lord of hosts, who judge righteously, who try the heart and the  
mind, let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed  
my cause. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

#### **Psalm 54 (spoken responsively by half verse)**

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
**in your might, defend my cause.**

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
**give ear to the words of my mouth.**

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
**those who have no regard for God.**

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
**it is the Lord who sustains my life.**

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
**in your faithfulness, destroy them.**

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
**and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.**

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
**and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.  
**As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.**

## **Second Lesson**

### **A Reading from Book of the letter of James Chapter 3:13-4:3,7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Hymn: “Lord of all hopefulness”**

**H 482**

## **The Gospel**

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark 9:30-37  
Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

The Gospel of the Lord

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## **The Sermon**

**The Reverend James Jacob**

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

With confidence in God’s compassion and generosity, let us pray for the church, the world, and all of God’s creation.

(brief silence)

Gracious God, we pray for the church in its many expressions. Give it the gift of discernment to know what is needed. For Sts. Matthew & Mark, Barrington and St. Matthew’s, Jamestown. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for another year of harvests, for farmers, gardeners, farmers markets, and community gardens. Teach us to share the earth's abundance with all who hunger. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the leaders of all nations. Take away selfish ambition, conflicts, and disputes, and guide leaders to work for the good of all people. We especially pray for our service members: Jake Knight, Elizabeth Butler and Matthew Paiva and Debbie Cox. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those affected by shortened daylight hours, for those who struggle with envy, and for those who suffer from impulses that are a war within them. We pray for all those in any kind of need especially James, Beth, Michelle, Marsha, Max, the Skuce Family, Alexandra, Anne, Jack, Emily, Fred, Steven, Diane, Rebecca, Don, Sue, Vinny, Ronnie, Paul, Brad, Elaine, and Michael. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for children in this congregation and community. Give them compassionate and patient families, caregivers, mentors, teachers, and friends. Assure them that Jesus is always with them and loves them. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the saints and all those who have seasoned our lives for faith. Preserve us in faith until we join them in your eternal kingdom. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We especially pray for all those who are celebrating birthdays: Justin Sjovall. We also pray for those who are celebrating wedding anniversaries this week.

Into your hands, loving God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in the grace of Jesus our Savior. **Amen.**

Concluding prayers by the Celebrant

**The Confession of Sin:**

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*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;**

**that we may delight in your will,  
'and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The Bishop, when present, or the Priest, stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **The Peace**

*All stand. The Celebrant says to the people*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

### **Offertory**

*Having listened to the Word of God, affirmed our faith, confessed our sins, received forgiveness and shared in the peace, we are prepared for the mystery of Holy Communion. At the offertory, we gratefully offer back to God some of what God has given us, symbolically in the bread and wine, and in the money we give.*

### **Offertory Hymn: "Instrumental"**

*Celebrant* I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

### **The Holy Communion**

#### *Eucharistic Prayer B*

*The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says:*

The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

*Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.*

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The people stand or kneel. Then the Celebrant continues*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

*At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.*

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

*Celebrant and People*

**We remember his death,  
We proclaim his resurrection,  
We await his coming in glory;**

*The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior  
Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

*People and Celebrant*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **The Breaking of the Bread**

*The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread.  
A period of silence is kept. Then may be sung or said*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.***

"O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,  
grant us thy peace

*In place of, or in addition to, the preceding, some other suitable anthem may be used.  
Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation*



The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*and may add*

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

A spiritual communion is personal devotional that anyone can pray at any time to express their desire to receive Holy Communion at that moment, but in which circumstances impede them from actually receiving Holy Communion.

The presider invites the following prayer to be said by all.

**Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.**

**I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you in my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.**

**Communion Hymn: “Jesus bread of life”**

**by G. W. Brown**

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people. The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

The Body (Blood) of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Blessing**

**Closing Hymn: “Lead me, guide me, along the way”**

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**Dismissal**

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

**People Thanks be to God.**