



ST. JAMES' CHURCH
MADISON AVENUE AT 71ST STREET

11:15 AM



Gold Cross, Basilica Sant'Apollinare in Classe, Ravenna, 6th century

Choral Eucharist

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST • SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

IN TODAY'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT The Rev. Zachary R. Thompson

PREACHER The Rev. Eva N. Suarez

ASSISTING CLERGY The Rev Brenda G. Husson, Jay N. Sidebotham, The Rev. James H.B. Morton III

LAY SERVER Wendy Wade

MUSICIANS Dr. E. Davis Wortman II, Stephen Tharp
The St. James' Compostela Choir

FLOWERS The flowers that adorn our Altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Barbara C. Gould, Erin Drake, Ingegerd Mundheim, and George Albin Nelson III.

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THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
CHORAL EUCHARIST

*The choral setting for today's celebration of Holy Communion is
Communion Service in A Minor by Harold Darke (1888-1976).*

GATHERING

PRELUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

RECTOR'S GREETINGS

INTROIT

The Lord is in His Holy Temple

Gerre Hancock

The Lord is in his holy temple: Let all the earth keep silence before him.

The Lord preserve thy going out and thy coming in: From this time forth forevermore. Amen.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

— Habakkuk 2:20, Psalm 121:8

AT THE PROCESSION *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 477 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

ENGLEBERG

OPENING ACCLAMATION & COLLECT FOR PURITY

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

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Harold E. Darke

Choir Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee. We give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only art most high, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

People **Amen.**

The people sit.

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST LESSON

Pew Bible, OT p. 552

JEREMIAH 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners,
nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

THE SECOND LESSON

Pew Bible, NT p. 180

JAMES 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.

AT THE SEQUENCE *standing, sung by all*

Hymn 408 Sing praise to God who reigns above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

To honor the teachings of Jesus, the people turn to face the Gospel.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Pew Bible, NT p. 35

MARK 9:30-37*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.*People* **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

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."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.*People* **Praise be to thee, O Christ.****THE SERMON**

The Rev. Eva N. Suarez

*After a period of silent reflection, all stand and say***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

Asst. Priest In peace, let us kneel and pray to the Lord.

Following each petition

Leader Lord, in thy mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

The Celebrant concludes the prayers with a collect, and the people respond:

People **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Asst. Priest Let us humbly confess our sins unto Almighty God.

A period of silent reflection is kept.

People Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved thee with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of thy Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in thy will, and walk in thy ways, to the glory of thy Name.
Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all those who with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE PEACE *standing*

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with thy spirit.**

All greet one another in the name of the Lord and then are seated.

COMMISSIONING FOR EDUCATION SUNDAY

Church School teachers, youth advisors, EfM participants, and members of the Children's & Family, Youth and Adult Formation Committees are asked to stand where they are in the pews.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

AT THE OFFERTORY

Each week, an offering is collected as a symbol of our life and labor and to support the work of the church. To make a one-time or recurring gift online, please visit stjames.org/give. Thank you for your generosity.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Lamb

John Tavener

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?
Gave thee life, and bid thee feed
By the stream and o'er the mead;

Gave thee clothing of delight,
Softest clothing, wooly, bright;
Gave thee such a tender voice,
Making all the vales rejoice?

Little Lamb, who made thee?
Dost thou know who made thee?

Little Lamb, I'll tell thee,
Little Lamb, I'll tell thee;
He is called by thy name,
For he calls himself a Lamb.

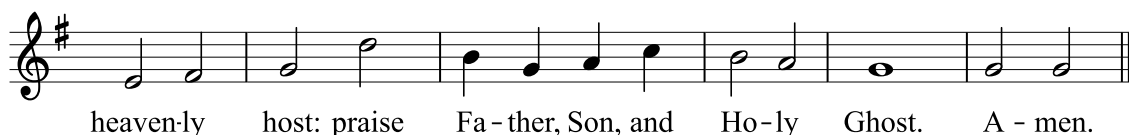
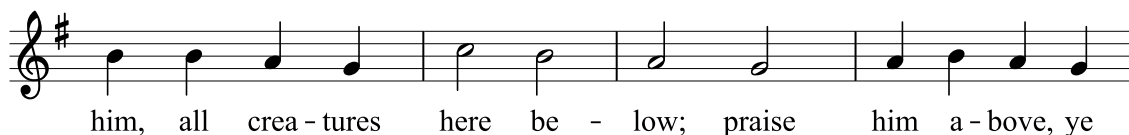
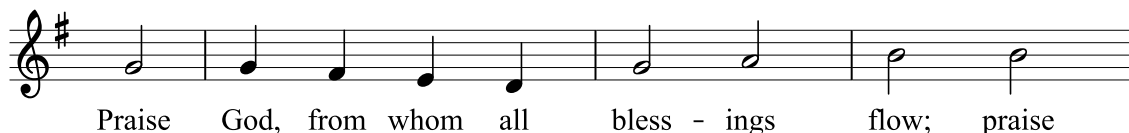
He is meek, and he is mild,
He became a little child.

I, a child, and thou a lamb,
We are called by his name.

Little Lamb, God bless thee!
Little Lamb, God bless thee!

—William Blake

PRESENTATION HYMN *standing, sung by all*



Words: Isaac Watts (1674-1748), para. of Psalm 117. St. 3, Thomas Ken (1637-1711);
Music: *Old 100th*, melody from *Pseaumes octante trois de David*, 1551, alt.; harm. after Louis Bourgeois (1510?-1561?)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ hath taught us, we are bold to say,
People 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion. A prayer for Spiritual Communion can be found on the hymn sheet online. The Prayer Book directs on page 457: "If a person desires to receive the Sacrament, but, by reason of extreme sickness or physical disability, is unable to eat and drink the Bread and Wine, the Celebrant is to assure that person that all the benefits of Communion are received, even though the Sacrament is not received with the mouth."

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

AT THE COMMUNION

Agnus Dei

Harold E. Darke

Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Verbe, égal au Très-Haut, notre unique espérance,
 Jour éternel de la terre et des cieux;
 De la paisible nuit nous rompons le silence,
 Divin Sauveur, jette sur nous les yeux!

Répands sur nous le feu de ta grâce puissante,
 Que tout l'enfer fuie au son de ta voix;
 Dissipe le sommeil d'une âme languissante,
 Qui la conduit à l'oubli de tes lois!

O Christ, sois favorable à ce peuple fidèle
 Pour te bénir maintenant rassemblé.
 Reçois les chants qu'il offre à ta gloire immortelle,
 Et de tes dons qu'il retourne comblé!

*Word, equal to the Almighty, our only hope,
 Eternal light of the earth and the Heavens;
 We break the peaceful night's silence,
 Divine Saviour, cast your eyes upon us!*

*Spread the fire of your mighty grace upon us
 May the entire hell flee at the sound of your voice;
 Disperse from any slothful soul the drowsiness
 Which induces it to forget your laws!*

*Oh Christ, look with favour upon this faithful people
 Which has now gathered to bless you.
 Receive its singing, offered to your immortal glory,
 And may it leave with the gifts you have bestowed upon it!*

—Paraphrase of Latin Hymn by Jean Racine

After Communion, the people stand to sing

Hymn 482 Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy

SLANE

GOING FORTH

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER *remain standing*

Celebrant Let us pray.

People Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Asst. Priest Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

AT THE PROCESSION *sung by all*

Hymn 379 God is Love, let heaven adore him

ABBOT'S LEIGH

POSTLUDE

Improvisation

Stephen Tharp

