



Candlelight Communion

THE 17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST · SEPTEMBER 19, 2021 · 6:00 pm

Welcome to St. James' Church! We are blessed by your presence and prayers among us. Everything you need to participate fully in the service—prayers, readings, hymns—is included in this booklet. Welcome and God bless you now and always.

PRELUDE

A Small Tune

David Mackor

OPENING

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

—Psalm 54:5

'Welcome', the word is always on your lips,
Each welcome warms another one inside,
An interleaving of relationships,
An open door where arms are open wide.
First welcome to the child and through the child
A welcome to the Saviour of the world
And through the Saviour's welcome all are called
Home to the Father's heart. Each call is curled
And nested in another, as you were
Nested and nestled in your mother's womb,
As Mary carried One who carried her,
And we are wrapped in you, deep in the tomb,
Where you turn our rejection into welcome,
And death itself becomes our welcome home.

—"Whoever Welcomes" by Malcolm Guite

Please stand at the sound of the bell.

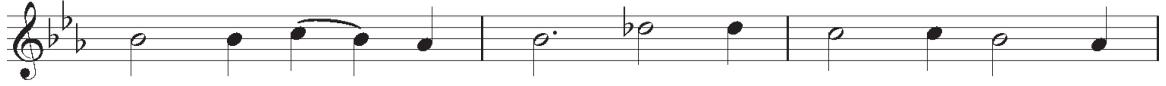
Celebrant Speak to us this night, O God
Speak to us your truth.

People Dwell with us this night, O God
Dwell with us in love.

HYMN *sung by all*



1 Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: such a
2 Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: such a
3 Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: such a



way as gives us breath; such a truth as ends all
light as shows a feast; such a feast as mends in
joy as none can move; such a love as none can



strife; such a life as kill - eth death.
length; such a strength as makes his guest.
part; such a heart as joys in love.

Words: George Herbert (1593-1633)
Music: *The Call*, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

THE READING *seated*

Pew Bible, NT p. 35

MARK 9:30-37

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."

A period of silent reflection is observed.

HOMILY

The Rev. Brenda Husson

A period of silent reflection is observed.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

She Moved Through the Fair

Traditional

PRAYERS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS *please stand*

Leader We bring to God someone whom we have met or remembered today and for whom we want to pray.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God those who are hurting tonight and need our prayers.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God the needs of this community, nation and the world.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God the work of the Church in this and every place.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God the joys and thanksgivings of our lives.

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader We bring to God those who have died...

Lord, in your mercy,

People **hear our prayer.**

Leader Lord Jesus, stay with us, for evening is at hand and the day is past; be our companion in the way, kindle our hearts, and awaken hope, that we may know you as you are revealed in Scripture and the breaking of bread. Grant this for the sake of your love.

People **Amen.**

ADDITIONAL PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

During the instrumental music, you are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of your prayer. Candles are on stands in the side aisles on either side of the center pews; please feel free to go to any of these places to light a votive candle.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Improvisation

Ruth Cunningham

THE PEACE

Celebrant We are the Body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

All greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.

GREETINGS

THE HOLY COMMUNION

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.

AT THE OFFERTORY

Improvisation

Ruth Cunningham

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *please stand*

Celebrant 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 God thanks and praise.**

Celebrant Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS *repeating, sung by all*



San-ctus, San-ctus, San-ctus Do-mi-nus De-us Sa-ba-oth, De-us Sa-ba-oth.

Setting: Jacques Berthier

*Cantor: 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.*

Celebrant How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Savior, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ:

People **Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Celebrant Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendor for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, O God, in songs of everlasting praise:

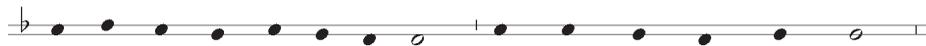
People

**Blessing and honor and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
AMEN.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *sung by all*



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



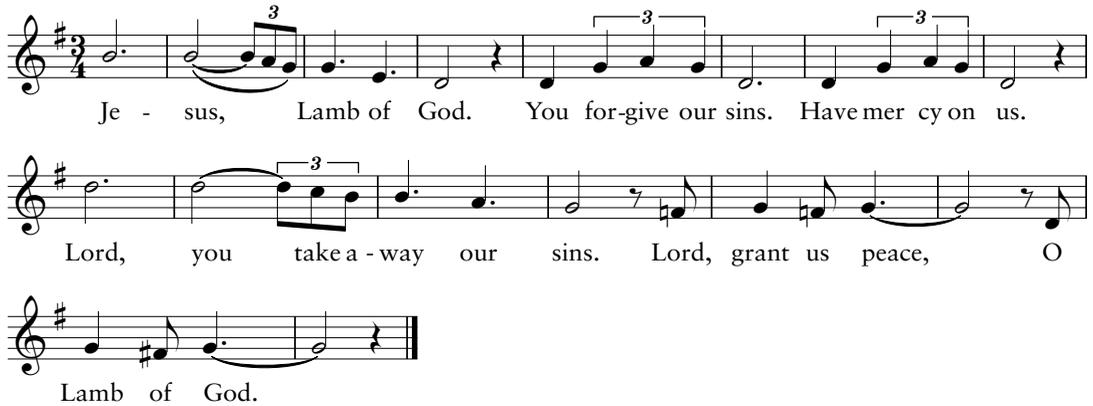
now and for ev - er. A - men.

Music: *Ambrosian* chant; adapt. Mason Martens (1933-1991)

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

A period of silent reflection is observed.

FRACTION ANTHEM *sung once by cantor, then by all*



Je - sus, Lamb of God. You for-give our sins. Have mer cy on us.

Lord, you take a - way our sins. Lord, grant us peace, O

Lamb of God.

Setting: Ike Sturm

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Celebrant The Table is ready. So, come, you who have much faith and you who would like to have more; you who have been here often and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus, and you who have failed. Come, because it is Christ who invites you to meet him here.

Everyone is invited to receive Communion by coming forward, as directed by the ushers, to receive the consecrated Bread. If you wish to receive a contactless blessing please come forward and cross your arms over your chest.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Melody

Daniele Bazzani

HYMN *standing, sung by all*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in deep - est sin My hand will save.
I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.



I who made the stars of night, I will maketheir dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone, Givethem hearts for love a - lone.
Fin - est bread I will provide Tilltheir hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?____
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?____
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?____



Refrain
Here I am, Lord.____ Is it I, Lord?____ I have heard you



call - ing in the night.____ I will go, Lord,____ if you



lead me.____ I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Celebrant Let us pray.

People O God of all creation, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BLESSING

Celebrant Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those traveling the journey with us. So be swift to love, and make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you always.

People Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Asst. Priest Go in the peace of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

MUSIC FOR MEDITATION

Keolaokalani

Queen Lili'uokalani

Please depart quietly.

We are glad you joined us for worship. Please come back often.

IN TONIGHT'S SERVICE

CELEBRANT The Rev. Jay Sidebotham

PREACHER The Rev. Brenda Husson

LAY SERVER Patrick Kidd

MUSICIANS Dan Lippel, guitar; Davis Wortman, piano; Ruth Cunningham, cantor

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