

ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

CELEBRATING OUR LEGACIES

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, PROPER TWENTY-ONE

5:30 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 25, 2021 and 8:30 and 10:45 a.m., Sunday, Sept. 26, 2021

The use of masks is required at in-person worship and should cover nose and mouth.

Out of caution, the congregation is not singing together at this time.

Wind instruments and part of the choir may be part of musical offerings only at the 10:45 a.m. service.

The nursery is open and available, but not staffed.

THE HOLY EUCHARIST

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

Prelude in D Minor

J.S. BACH

The People stand as the ministers enter.

PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might

PENTECOST

WELCOME AND OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, you are welcome here.

Presider Blessed be God: most holy, glorious, and undivided Trinity.

People **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

OPENING COLLECTS

Presider God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Presider O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Almighty God, Creator of the universe, true owner of all that exists, open our hearts and souls in such a way that we would open our hands in generosity. Help us honor the memory of those who came before and lead us to leave a lasting legacy in this congregation for those who follow us. We ask this in the Name of Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

Please be seated.

THE FIRST LESSON

ESTHER 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

Reader A reading from the Book of Esther.

The king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me — that is my petition — and the lives of my people — that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen. Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs

in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated. Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

Reader The Word of the Lord. or Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

THE SECOND LESSON

JAMES 5:13-20

Reader A reading from the Book of James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous

is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest. My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Reader The Word of the Lord. *or* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

MARK 9:38-50

The Deacon (or a Priest) reads the Gospel

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward. "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is

better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched. "For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

Reader The Gospel of our Savior.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON

TOM GOSSEN, PREACHER

A period of silence is observed following the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED

All **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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. 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, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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

The people may stand or kneel.

Reader Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Reader Creator of the universe, we know that all good things come from you; accept our gratitude for the bounty we share in our lives, in this church, in this community, and in this nation.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader Grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. Guide all people in the ways of justice and peace; that war may cease, that we may honor one another, and that, by your grace, we may serve the common good.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader As your sons and daughters, we carry your name; we acknowledge you as our creator and our source; we thank you for entrusting us with many talents, gifts, and abilities; we pray that with guidance from your Holy Spirit we shall be good stewards of your resources to the glory of your Name.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader On this Legacy Sunday, we covenant with you and with one another, that we shall apply our energy and intelligence to acquire, manage, and use our earthly, financial wealth to do good works in this world, to the glory of your Name.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We acknowledge that our fortunes exist to thank you for your love and grace, to provide for our families, to bless those we love, to produce things of excellence with lasting value to others, and to support those transcendent causes which feed souls, to the glory of your Name.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray that sharing of our financial wealth, we shall know in our hearts that we are helping to fulfill your purpose in our being, that we are making a difference to others, that the world is a better place for our having lived, and that our spiritual journey with you has true and everlasting significance, to the glory of your Name.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader May the family of St. James parish continually renew itself, so that this church may serve generations to come; future individuals and families; lost souls in need of redemption and reconciliation; and others in this community and the world, to the glory of your Name.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray with our brother and Savior, Jesus Christ, that in these and in all things, your will be done.

Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We pray that you would comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation. We beseech you to care for those we mention now, either silently or aloud
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Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

Reader We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them has been fulfilled; and we pray that we may one day share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. We lift in prayer, either silently or aloud, those who have died
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Reader In your mercy,
People **Hear our prayer.**

THE CONFESSION OF SIN AND ABSOLUTION

Clergy Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

A moment of silence is observed for personal reflection and so that those who choose to kneel may do so.

All **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 our Savior 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.**

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

Please stand.

THE PEACE

Please greet each other, but refrain from physical contact with people outside your safety bubble.

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

RENEWAL OF VOWS

Presider Let us pray. Grant, O God, in your compassion, that Kurt and Kelly, who have taken each other in marriage, and affirm again the covenant they have made, may grow in forgiveness, loyalty, and love; and come at last to the eternal joys which you have promised through Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Presider Friends in Christ, we are gathered together with Kurt and Kelly, on the occasion of their 40th wedding anniversary, to give thanks to God for blessing their marriage, and to ask God to reaffirm their holy covenant.

Presider Do you here, in the presence of God and of this congregation, renew the promises you made when you bound yourselves to one another in holy matrimony?

The Couple I do.

Presider May God the Father keep you as one. **Amen.**

May God the Son be present with you always. **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit, who has given you the will to persevere in your love and in your covenant with each other, strengthen your bond. **Amen.**

And may God the Holy Trinity, the source of all unity, bless you this day and for ever. **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are grateful for the newest members of the St. James Church Legacy Society:

Woody and Barbara Swain

Deborah Bagby

Joan Siefkes Moore

Don and Janet Yoder

Deacon Jaclyn G. and O. S. "Gus" Gossard

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Today and every day, we see signs of God's grace and abundance. But we also know that there is suffering and need in the world.

People **God, give us grace that we may give freely of what we have been given, as a witness to God's love in the world.**

OFFERTORY MUSIC *All Are Welcome*

M. HAUGEN, ARR. R. SENSMEIER, A.D. MILLER

THE PRESENTATION

Presider All things come of you, O God.

People **And of your own have we given you.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A

The people remain standing.

Presider The Lord be with you. *or* God be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

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

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 to the glory of your Name:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

The people may stand or kneel.

Presider Holy and gracious God: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and maker and of all. Jesus stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Savior 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 Jesus 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling Christ's death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in Christ. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom. All this we ask through Jesus Christ our Savior. By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Presider As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

All **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 Presider breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

THE FRACTION

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The people may be seated. Please maintain distancing when you come forward to receive Communion.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Spiritual Communion is the devotional practice receiving the inward and spiritual grace of Holy Communion when circumstances prevent us from actually receiving the consecrated bread and wine. The following prayer is provided for personal use by those who for the sake of safety worship online or do not physically receive the Bread and the Wine.

Silently Risen Jesus, we believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. We desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving and to proclaim your resurrection. We love you above all things, and long for you in our souls. Since we cannot receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace and let us never be separated from you. **Amen.**

MUSIC AT COMMUNION *O Lord, Hear My Prayer* J. BERTHIER, ARR. K. KOLANDER, A.K. ORGAN

At the conclusion of Communion, a moment of silence is observed.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Presider Let us pray. *The people may stand or kneel.*

All **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Christ, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Savior. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

THE BLESSING

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

CLOSING MUSIC

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

SICILIAN MARINERS

DISMISSAL

The People respond **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Sicilian Mariners

ARR. A.K. ORGAN

**Altar flowers are given today by Delmar and Mary Klocke
in loving memory of their deceased loved ones
and by Kurt and Kelly Harper
in thanksgiving for their 40th anniversary.**

SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

The Rev. Dawn M. Frankfurt, Rector

The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon

Tom Gossen, Preacher

Marlene Hallstrom, Music Director and Organist

Jay Price, Verger

Jared Rowland, Acolyte/Crucifer

Mary Druding, Joan Moore, Paul Leeker, Suzanne Laycock, Jay Price, Mary Halley, Lectors

Woody Swain, Paul Rillema, Michael Kephart, Ushers

St. James Choir

MUSIC NOTES

Prelude in D Minor. *Composer: J.S. Bach; ©Public Domain.*

Fight the Good Fight with All Thy Might. *Tune: PENTECOST (Boyd) Composer: William Boyd (1868); ©Public Domain.*

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WHOEVER YOU ARE AND WHEREVER YOU FIND YOURSELF ON YOUR JOURNEY OF FAITH, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.

You will hear these words every week at St. James as we invite you to join us for the Word and Sacraments that are God's gifts to all. It does not matter who you are, what you look like, what you have done in the past, or who you love. God's grace is not petty; it is not earned. It is radical and universal. We at St. James seek to mirror God's healing love by making this community a safe place for skeptics, doubters, seekers, those who have been wounded by the church, those who have never darkened its doors, those who have wandered, as well as new believers and those who have never left. As a diverse community, we have discovered in God a oneness greater than our differences. We have come to know that our variety reflects the divine comprehensiveness of God.

Engaging God is a life-long process. Wherever you find yourself on your journey of faith, we believe God invites you to keep traveling. In some subtle or profound way, the Spirit of God drew you here. Our hearts are open to God and to you.

WELCOME NEWCOMERS

Please complete and return a welcome card which you can find at the front desk or in a pew. We will make a nametag for you and add you to our mailing list.

If you're here for the first time, you are invited to take a welcome bag available at the entrance to the sanctuary. We consider ourselves blessed to worship with you.

You can receive our weekly eTower, a digital newsletter. Sign up on our website www.stjameswichita.org, call the church at 316-683-5686, or email office@stjameswichita.org.

The next newcomer mixer will be at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 4, in the lounge.

WORSHIP SERVICE SCHEDULE

In-person worship services are offered in church at these times:

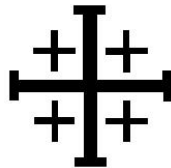
Saturday at 5:30 p.m.

Sunday at 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.

For the sake of protecting yourself from the virus, you may choose to come to a service with no singing on Saturday evening or at 8:30 Sunday morning.

WORSHIP ONLINE

You are invited to worship with us online on our website at www.stjameswichita.org or www.youtube.com/c/stjameswichita



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The Rev. Jeff Roper, Deacon

Marlene Hallstrom, Director of Music

Chelsea Whipple, Director of Programs

Susan Stallings, Bookkeeper

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