

# THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HOLY COMMUNION IN THE ABSENCE OF A PRIEST

A directions about standing are for those who are able.

Masks are welcome, but not required.

#### THE PRELUDE

Shared on Sunday.

"Fugue on In Adam's Fall"

J.S. BACH

Bells may be rung. The people stand as they are able as the ministers enter.

# THE OPENING HYMN HYMN 537

Please remain standing as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

"Christ for the world we sing!" MOSCOW

# THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

#### WELCOME AND OPENING ACCLAMATION

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Word Grace and peace in the name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God.

#### THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

Please remain standing as you are able.

Leader Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires are 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 Savior. Amen.

#### Info for worship

We invite you to follow the service and take part in a way that feels right to you.

BCP - Book of Common Prayer, or Prayer Book, (red book);

Hymnal (blue book); Hymn numbers beginning with 'S' are found in the front of the Hymnal.

#### Julian of Norwich

God showed me in my palm a little thing round as a ball about the size of a hazelnut.

I looked at it with the eye of my understanding and asked myself: What is this thing?

And I was answered: It is everything that is created.

I wondered how it could survive since it seemed so little it could suddenly disintegrate into nothing.

The answer came: It endures, and ever will endure, because God loves it.

And so everything has its being because of God's love.

#### Our Language

At St. James Church we use language which we hope expands our sense of God and includes all people as beloved children of God.

# THE SONG OF PRAISE

CANTICLE R

Please remain standing as you are able. Spoken at all services.

"A Song of True Motherhood"

JULIAN OF NORWICH

God chose to be our mother in all things \*

and so made the foundation of his work,

most humbly and most pure, in the Virgin's womb.

God, the perfect wisdom of all, \*

arrayed himself in this humble place.

Christ came in our poor flesh \*

to share a mother's care.

Our mothers bear us for pain and for death; \*

our true mother, Jesus, bears us for joy and endless life.

Christ carried us within him in love and travail, \*

until the full time of his passion.

And when all was completed and he had carried us so for joy, \* still all this could not satisfy the power of his wonderful love.

All that we owe is redeemed in truly loving God, \*

for the love of Christ works in us;

Christ is the one whom we love.

#### THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Word God be with you.

People And also with you.

Minister of the Word Let us pray.

Minister of the Word O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen**.

Please be seated.

# THE FIRST LESSON

**GENESIS 21:8-21** 

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis.

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter

was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she

said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink. God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader The Word of the Lord or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

# THE RESPONSE

Inclina, Domine

PSALM 86:1-10, 16-17

Please remain seated. Spoken at all services.

The psalm may be spoken in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse.

- Bow down your ear, O Lord, and answer me, \* for I am poor and in misery.
- 2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; \* save your servant who puts his trust in you.
- Be merciful to me, O Lord, for you are my God; \* I call upon you all the day long.
- 4 Gladden the soul of your servant, \* for to you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.
- 5 For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, \* and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

Psalm continued on next page...

#### **Summer Variety**

In June, July, and August we will make our worship full of life through the use of a variety of songs of praise instead of *The Gloria*. Each Sunday during this time a different version of the Lord's Prayer will be used. We will discuss the version of the week at Adult Forum in June and July.

#### Saying the Psalm

Each numbered verse of a psalm has two parts, half verses, which are marked in the middle by an asterisk. When we are not singing or saying the psalm in unison, we say it antiphonally. The Reader announces the way we will say the psalm, either in unison, or responsively by whole or half verse. The Reader always begins the first verse. If we read by half verse, then the congregation says the portion of the verse following the asterisk. When reading by whole verse, the Reader says the first whole verse, and the congregation says the next whole verse. This provides a rhythmical back-and-forth between Reader and the People.

#### **Further information**

Antiphonal recitation verse-by-verse alternation between singers or readers of the Psalter. The term 'antiphonal' is from the "voice Greek, meaning against voice." This is the traditional monastic method of chanting psalms and dates back to the 6th C. Chant was reformed in the Church of England in the 16th C. Today, when we read the psalm between scripture readings, it is called a responsorial psalm.

All members of our parish community are asked to pray for everyone on our prayer list. If you have prayers you would like added to the prayer list, please call or email the office. Office hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Friday. If your prayers have been answered, we would love to rejoice with you. Contact the office at office@stjameswichita.org or 316-683-5686 to let us know that we can remove your prayer request.

The parish prayer list is available each week in the eTower email and in the service bulletin or insert. You are invited to take your bulletin with you so you can continue to pray for those on our list through the week.

- 6 Give ear, O Lord, to my prayer, \* and attend to the voice of my supplications.
- 7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, \* for you will answer me.
- 8 Among the gods there is none like you, O Lord, \* nor anything like your works.
- 9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O Lord, \* and glorify your Name.
- 10 For you are great; you do wondrous things; \* and you alone are God.
- Turn to me and have mercy upon me; \* give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your handmaid.
- Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; \* because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

# THE SECOND LESSON

**ROMANS 6:1B-11** 

Reader A reading from the letter to the Romans.

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know

that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord or

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People Thanks be to God.

# THE GOSPEL HYMN

**HYMN 679** 

Please stand as you are able. Sung at 10:45.

"Surely it is God who saves me"

THOMAS MERTON

Please turn to face the Gospel with reverence for the Word.

# THE HOLY GOSPEL

**MATTHEW 10:24-39** 

Please remain standing as you are able.

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! "So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than

many sparrows. "Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one's foes will be members of one's own household. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

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

# THE SERMON

JAY PRICE, PROF. OF HISTORY, WSU

Please be seated. At the conclusion of the sermon a moment of silent reflection is observed.

#### About the Gospels

The English word 'gospel' comes from the Anglo-Saxon godspel, or good news, translated from the Greek euangelion. In Christian usage, it means the good news of God's saving act in Jesus Christ. The term 'gospel' came to designate a literary genre which told the story of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The New Testament contains four gospels: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

#### Gospel in Liturgy

In the Episcopal liturgy, the gospel is the final reading from Holy Scripture at the Eucharist. It is proclaimed by a gospeler in holy orders. The 2nd Council of Nicaea in 787 decreed that icons, crosses, and gospel books could be venerated as sacred images, just as the incarnate Christ is the image of the invisible God. Today, many still choose to venerate the gospel book by bowing in reverence as it comes near.

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After the sermon, on most

weekends (at primary wor-

ship services of the parish)

we rise and say the Nicene Creed, an ancient confession

of the church's beliefs. The

Creed is a sign of our unity

with Christians throughout all times and places. Though

originally composed at an

ancient time, it expresses

key insights into the nature of God and creation. You

may like to know that this

version follows the Greek

original precisely by saying "was incarnate of the Holy

Spirit and the Virgin Mary,"

to emphasize that Mary was

an active participant in the Incarnation. It also follows

the Greek and Latin (and our

English of Rite I) by using

"who" rather than "he" in

the section about the Holy Spirit. The words "and the

Son," were not a part of the

original Greek text and have

been removed. They were added in some later Latin translations. The Episcopal

Church, at General Conven-

tion of 1988, placed itself on record as favoring their

omission, a decision later

approved by Lambeth Con-

ference.

# THE NICENE CREED

Please stand as you are able.

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

Please remain standing as you are able.

Based on the first form of bidding from the New Zealand Prayer Book

Leader

Leader 1

We pray for the church, for all Christians everywhere, for Cathleen our bishop, for Dawn our priest, and for all in our parish (all pause for silent prayer). Gracious God, may your Spirit give strength to all your people as they work and witness in your world. Unite us in your truth and love, and help us to show your love to others.

Leader God of love

People Grant our prayer.

We pray for all people, for places where there is war, famine, or oppression (all pause for silent prayer). God our creator, help everyone to share all the good gifts you have given to us. May we, and those who lead nations and hold authority in the world, be given wisdom.

Leader God of love

# That blank space in the PoP

A pause in speaking the prayers is often taken during the Prayers of the People. At such times, you are invited to add your own intercessions to the prayers of the congregation either silently or aloud.

People Grant our prayer.

Leader We pray for Wichita and for all who live and work in this area.

(all pause for silent prayer). God our friend, we pray for our families and friends. May we be able to help each other just as

you love and help us.

Leader God of love

People Grant our prayer.

Leader We pray for those in need, for sick people, for those in

hospital, and for those with any other problems, (especially \_\_\_\_\_, all pause for silent prayer and spoken petitions). Compassionate God, give your strength and healing to all those

who are sad, lonely, or sick. And bless all those who try and help them

help them.

Leader God of love

People Grant our prayer.

Leader We remember all those who have died, (especially \_\_\_\_\_\_, all

pause for silent prayer and spoken petitions). God of hope, we thank you that not even death can separate us from your love. We pray for all who mourn, that they may feel your care for them.

Leader God of love

People Grant our prayer.

Leader We pray for ourselves... all that we will do this week, and all

those we will meet (all pause for silent prayer). Loving God, we give this week into your hands. Be with us in all that we will do,

may we enjoy this week and learn and grow in it.

Leader God of love

People Grant our prayer.

Concluding petition offered by the Minister of the Word

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St. James and all your saints, we commend ourselves and all people to your unfailing love. Accept these prayers we pray in the name of our Savior Jesus

Christ. Amen.

# INVITATION TO THE PEACE

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Word The Peace of Christ be always with you.

People And also with you.

The People greet one another in Christ while respecting the personal space of neighbors. After greeting, please be seated for the announcements.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A Prayer for the Wichita Minster

Gracious God, who created everything and made members of the Body of Christ every family, language, people, and nation; equip us to share your love with the people of Wichita. Bless each parish in the Wichita Minster with the knowledge of our unity in you. Draw us into common mission to welcome strangers, create justice, and scatter the causes of division. In the work you give us to do, may the wealthy and poor, the healthy and sick, the included and alienated among us find joy in equality. Grant this to us now, and in the age to come, in the Name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### The Peace

This is a liturgical exchange of greeting and is a sign of reconciliation, love, and renewed relationships in the Christian community. Initiated by the Presider, who says, "The peace of Christ be always with you," the people respond, "And also with you." The gesture of Peace has been expressed in a variety of ways, including a kiss on the cheek, an embrace, a handclasp, or a bow. This is an ancient Christian practice. It has been associated with Romans 16:16, "Greet one another with a holy kiss," and similar passages.

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#### **Text Giving**

You can now give to St. James using your mobile device!

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#### The Lord's Prayer

Great Spirit, whose tepee is the sky and whose hunting ground is the earth, Mighty and fearful are you called. Ruler over storms, over men and birds and beasts. Have your way over all, Over earthways as over skyways. Find us this day our meat and corn, That we may be strong and brave. And put aside from us our wicked ways as we put aside the bad works of them who do us wrong. And let us not have such troubles as lead us into crooked roads, But keep us from all evil, For yours is all that is the earth and the sky; the streams, the hills and the valleys, the stars, the moon, and the sun, and all that live and breathe. Wonderful, shining, mighty Spirit. Amen.

Arthur F. Giere

# THE MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

#### THE OFFERTORY

On Sunday, please remain seated as the people's offering of bread and wine is brought forward. During the offertory music, the alms basins are passed in the pews.

#### THE OFFERTORY MUSIC

Please remain seated. Shared on Sunday.

"Hymns of Commitment"

ARR. PHILIP KEVEREEN

# THE PRESENTATION HYMN

**HYMN 380** 

Please stand as you are able as the ushers bring the People's offering to the altar.

Sung on Sunday.

"From all that dwell below the skies"

**OLD 100TH** 

#### THE PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament God be with you.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament Let us pray. Almighty Father, whose dear

And also with you.

Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

# THE LORD'S PRAYER

FIRST NATIONS VERSION

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament

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

All

O Great Spirit, our Father from above, your name as sacred and holy. Bring your good road to us, where the beauty of your ways in the spirit-world above is reflected in the earth below. Provide for us day by day-the elk, the buffalo, and the salmon. The corn, the squash, and the wild rice. All the good things we need for each day. Release us from the things we have done wrong in the same way we release others for the things done wrong to us. And guide us away from the things that tempt us to stray from your good road. Amen.

### THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please be seated.

All who seek God and a deeper life in Christ are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please come forward to receive the bread and wine of the reserved sacrament.

#### **COMMUNION HYMN**

**HYMN 661** 

Sung on Sunday.

"They cast their nets"

**GEORGETOWN** 

A moment of silence is observed following Communion.

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

Please stand as you are able.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

# THE GRACE

Please remain standing as you are able.

Minister of the Reserved Sacrament May the God of hope fill us with all joy and peace in believing through the power of the Holy Spirit.

# THE CLOSING HYMN

**HYMN 675** 

Please remain standing as you are able. Sung on Sunday.

"Take up your cross"

**BOURBON** 

# THE DISMISSAL

Please remain standing as you are able.

*Minister of the Word* Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. People

#### **Eucharist**

The sacrament of the Eucharist is the principal act of Christian worship in our church. The term is from the Greek, "thanksgiving." Jesus instituted the Eucharist at the Last Supper where he shared bread and wine at a sacred meal with his disciples. Christ's sacrifice is made present in the Eucharist, and in it we are united to his one self-offering. The grace bestowed in Holy Communion augments (deepens, increases) faith, forgives sin, and and strengthens of our charity. Everyone who seeks a deeper knowledge of Christ is welcome to receive the sacrament.

#### **Real Presence**

The Episcopal Church teaches the real presence of Christ in the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist. Our Catechism notes that the inward and spiritual grace in the eucharist is "the Body and Blood of Christ given to his people and received by faith." Belief in the real presence does not imply a claim to know how Christ is present in the eucharistic elements nor does it imply that the consecrated eucharistic elements cease to be bread and wine. Christ's presence is made known in the gathered eucharistic community.

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#### Communion in One Kind

Our doctrine upholds the truth that the fullness of communion is available by receiving either the consecrated bread or wine. Communicants receive both the body and the blood in either the consecrated bread or the wine, though all are invited (as they are able) to receive both kinds. Our belief in the fullness of communion in one kind (bread or wine) is called the doctrine of concomitance. The term concomitance comes from the Latin, "to accompany."

#### **Going Deeper in Presence**

The eucharistic theology of the real presence called transubstantiation is belief that the substance of Christ's body and blood replaces the substance of the bread and wine, although the appearance of the bread and wine are unchanged. This is regarded as definitive in the Roman Catholic tradition. Anglicans (therefore, Episcopalians) believe in a balance of both an objective change of some kind in the eucharistic elements to become the body and blood of Christ, and the subjective faith of the believer who receives the sacrament.

#### THE POSTLUDE

Shared on Sunday.

"Variation on O God, Thou Just God"

J.S. Bach

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

If you would like to give flowers for the altar to honor or memorialize loved ones, you can reserve a date by signing up on the sheet in the hallway or by calling or sending an email to the parish office, office@stjameswichita.org

Floral arrangements are \$80 and they should be paid for before the date you have chosen on the calendar.

# SERVICE PARTICIPANTS

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Janet Newlin, Barbara Orsak, Matt Carroll

10:45 am service is streamed online by Wichita Livestream



# Amuel lee Freem Sociel

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with Grace Presbyterian, Plymouth
Congregational and College Hill United

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worry it is still no cost and friends are invited!

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#### New to St. James?

If you are new to St. James and haven't filled out a **Newcomer Card**, we would love to know more about you! Once we have a card from you, we will have a name badge ready for the following weekend.

# WELCOME TO ST. JAMES

Episcopal Church of Wichita, Kansas

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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 lifelong 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.

SIGN-UP FOR THE WEEKLY ETOWER

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