



ST. JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

July 14, 2024
5:00P.M.

***Welcome!** Whether you are a first-time visitor, longtime member, or somewhere in-between, welcome to this place where together we sing, read, pray, listen, and break bread in thanksgiving and praise of the living God whose love brings new life for us and for the world. **About the service:** An Episcopal worship service may seem difficult to follow if it is unfamiliar to you; please participate as you are able and ask someone near you for assistance if you need it. We use this leaflet and the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP). **For more information:** Fill out a welcome card, located in the pew rack, and drop it in the offering plate or return it by mail. Call the Parish Office at 225-387-5141 with questions about baptisms, weddings, membership, or any other needs.*

THE WORD OF GOD

The people stand when the ministers of the service enter

Opening Acclamation

BCP 355

Kyrie Eleison

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The Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Andrew Harmon

The Nicene Creed

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The Prayers of the People

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THE HOLY COMMUNION

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The Breaking of the Bread

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The Postcommunion Prayer

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The Blessing & Dismissal

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Collect of the Day

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the Lord of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the Lord with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals. So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the Lord had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the Lord with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the Lord came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the Lord. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Read responsively by half verse.

Psalm 24

- ¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it, *
the world and all who dwell therein.
- ² For it is he who founded it upon the seas *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- ³ "Who can ascend the hill of the Lord? *
and who can stand in his holy place?"
- ⁴ "Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, *
**who have not pledged themselves to falsehood,
nor sworn by what is a fraud.**
- ⁵ They shall receive a blessing from the Lord *
and a just reward from the God of their salvation."
- ⁶ Such is the generation of those who seek him, *
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.
- ⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- ⁸ "Who is this King of glory?" *
"The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle."
- ⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting doors; *
and the King of glory shall come in.
- ¹⁰ "Who is he, this King of glory?" *
"The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory."

Ephesians 1:3-14

A reading from the letter to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Lector The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Mark 6: 14-29

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

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God.



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The Prayers of the People – Form III

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;
People **That we all may be one.**

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
People **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

Leader We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; especially Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop; Sean, the Presiding Bishop-Elect; Shannon, our Bishop; Chris, Drew, Don and Lynn, our priests; and Casey, our seminarian. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for the clergy and people of the St. Augustine's, Baton Rouge.

People **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; especially Joe, our president; Jeff, our governor; Sharon, our mayor; our family and friends serving in the military and law enforcement; that they may be led to wise decisions and right actions for the welfare and peace of the world. We pray for the victims of violence and war, especially those in Israel, Gaza, and Ukraine.

People **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Leader Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
People **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Leader Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially Margo, Robert, Phil, Henri, Bekah, Jay, Don, Terry, those on our prayer list, and all those who in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

People **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life. We also pray for expectant mothers, especially Sloane, Elizabeth, Ally, Caitlin, and Taylor, that they may happily come to the time of birth, and serving you in all things may rejoice in your providence. We thank you, Lord, for the birth of Eloise Grace Nagdeman.

We will exalt you, O God our King.

People **And praise your name for ever and ever.**

Leader Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Suzie, Mike Rinehart, and David McHugh, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

People **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

The People may add their own petitions.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.