



ST. JAMES

EPISCOPAL CHURCH

The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
HOLY EUCHARIST: RITE II

September 8, 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

BCP 356

The appointed Collect of the Day and Lessons are found on the next page.

The Sermon

The Rev. Christopher R. Duncan

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

The Prayers of the People

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The Confession & Absolution

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The Peace

BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements

THE HOLY COMMUNION

Eucharistic Prayer A

BCP 361

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 364

The Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 365

The Blessing & Dismissal

BCP 366

Collect of the Day

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold. The rich and the poor have this in common: the Lord is the maker of them all. Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail. Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor. Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate; for the Lord pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Read responsively by half verse Psalm 125

- ¹ Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, *
 which cannot be moved, but stands fast for ever.
- ² The hills stand about Jerusalem; *
 so does the Lord stand round about his people,
 from this time forth for evermore.
- ³ The scepter of the wicked shall not hold sway over the land allotted to the just, *
 so that the just shall not put their hands to evil.
- ⁴ Show your goodness, O Lord, to those who are good *
 and to those who are true of heart.
- ⁵ As for those who turn aside to crooked ways,
 the Lord will lead them away with the evildoers; *
 but peace be upon Israel.

A reading from the letter of James.

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand.

Mark 7:24-37

Gospeler The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

*Today's flowers are given to the greater glory of God and
in thanksgiving for our grandchildren, Lily & Jack Little by Chuck & Sally Plattsmier*



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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 St. Andrew's, Clinton and for the Youth Ministry and Youth Leadership Commission.
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.
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 Carlos, Paul and his family, Connie, 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 Ally, Caitlin, Jamie, Nico, and Maggie, 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 Thomas Henry Massman, Jr. and Hayes Henry Drumm.

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 Gay Town, Dorothy Brupbacher, David Addie, and Evalyn Lank, 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.*