

ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

READINGS FOR SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 21 A

Rivers

*There pure lifegiving streams o'erflow
The sower's garden ground;
And faith and hope fair blossoms show,
And fruits of love abound.*

Lionel B.C.L Muirhead (1845-1925)

Hymn 347 CPWI

THE COLLECT: PROPER 21A

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

COLLECT: FEAST OF CREATION IN CHRIST

Holy and eternal God, you are the Maker of heaven and earth; you are the Word through whom all things were made; and you are the Spirit, the giver of life: draw us into the mystery of your love, that with all creation we may proclaim your praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

THE SACRAMENT OF THE WORD

SEPTEMBER 27 – RIVER SUNDAY

FIRST LESSON: GENESIS 8:20-22; 9:12-17

The sign of the covenant between God and mankind.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Genesis, chapter 8, beginning at the twentieth verse.

Then Noah built an altar to the Lord and, taking some of all the clean animals and clean birds, he sacrificed burnt offerings on it. The Lord smelled the pleasing aroma and said in his heart: “Never again will I curse the ground because of humans, even though^[a] every inclination of the human heart is evil from childhood. And never again will I destroy all living creatures, as I have done.

As long as the earth endures,

seedtime and harvest,
cold and heat,
summer and winter,
day and night
will never cease.”

God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.”

God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

PSALM 104:27-33

²⁷ All creatures look to you
to give them their food at the proper time.

²⁸ When you give it to them,
they gather it up;

when you open your hand,
they are satisfied with good things.

²⁹ When you hide your face,
they are terrified;
when you take away their breath,
they die and return to the dust.

³⁰ When you send your Spirit,
they are created,
and you renew the face of the ground.

³¹ May the glory of the Lord endure forever;
may the Lord rejoice in his works—

³² he who looks at the earth, and it trembles,
who touches the mountains, and they smoke.

³³ I will sing to the Lord all my life;
I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son:*

and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning is now:*

and shall be forever. **Amen.**

THE SECOND LESSON: REVELATION 22: 1-5

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Revelation, chapter 22, beginning at the first verse.

Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. No longer will

there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord

The people: *Thanks be to God.*

THE GOSPEL: MATTHEW 28:1-10

The Resurrection

Gospeler: *The Lord be with you*

All: *And also with you*

Gospeler: *A Reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.*

All: *Glory to Christ Our Saviour.*

After the sabbath, as the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to see the tomb. And suddenly there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord, descending from heaven, came and rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothing white as snow. For fear of him the guards shook and became like dead men. But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples, 'He has been raised from the dead, and indeed he is going ahead of you to Galilee;

there you will see him.’ This is my message for you.” So they left the tomb quickly with fear and great joy, and ran to tell his disciples. Suddenly Jesus met them and said, “Greetings!” And they came to him, took hold of his feet, and worshiped him. Then Jesus said to them, “Do not be afraid; go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.”

This is the Gospel of Christ
The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

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