ST. JAMES PARISH CHURCH

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TO BE A BEACON RADIATING GOD'S LOVE AMONG ALL PEOPLE



THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
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ORGAN PRELUDE

OPENING SENTENCE - PENTECOST

When the Spirit comes, whom I shall send to you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, who proceeds from the Father, He will bear witness to Me; and you also are witnesses, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

John 15: 26, 27

INTROIT HYMN: 538

- 1. O THOU Who camest from above the fire celestial to impart, kindle a flame of sacred love on the mean altar of my heart.
- There let it for Thy glory burn with inextinguishable blaze, and trembling to its source return in humble prayer, and fervent praise.
- 3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire to work, and speak, and think for Thee; still let me guard the holy fire and still stir up the gift in me.
- Still let me prove Thy perfect will, my acts of faith and love repeat; till death Thy endless mercies seal, and make the sacrifice complete.

PRESIDENT

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia! Alleluia!

ALL:

And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!

The following may be said by the President and people:

ALL:

Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your Name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament. *Amen*.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALL:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires 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 Lord. *Amen*.

THE KYRIES

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One;

you alone are the Lord:

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

THE COLLECT:

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**.

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

THE FIRST READING AMOS 7:7-17

During a time of prosperity, the people of Israel have become religiously and socially corrupt. God shows Amos how much they fail to measure up to his ways, as a plumb line shows the crookedness of a wall – and the need to rebuild it completely.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Book of Amos, Chapter 7, beginning at the seventh verse.

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

the high places of Isaac shall be made

desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said,

`Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, `Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

"Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, `Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac.'

Therefore thus says the LORD:

Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city,

and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line;

you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land "

The Word of the Lord **The people:** Thanks be to God.

PSALM 82

God pronounces judgement on the heavenly beings who have failed to defend the weak and the poor. The people call on the one true God to judge and rule the earth

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven;*he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, * and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; * defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; * deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;

- they go about in darkness; * all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, * and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, * and fall like any prince.'"
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, * for you shall take all nations for your own.

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 READING COLOSSIANS 1:1-14

Paul begins his letter to the Christian community at Colossae (in western Asia Minor) with a prayer of thanksgiving and intercession. The Church, both there and throughout the Roman Empire, is growing.

A Reading from the Word of God, written in the Epistle of Paul to the Colossians, Chapter 1, beginning at the first verse.

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father

of our Lord Jesus Christ, for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints, because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God. This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God. May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Word of the Lord **The people:** Thanks be to God.

HYMN FOR THE GRADUAL 268

- Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost, taught by thee, we covet most of thy gifts at Pentecost, holy, heavenly love.
- 2. Love is kind, and suffers long, love is meek, and thinks no wrong, love than death itself more strong; therefore give us love.
- Prophecy will fade away, melting in the light of day; love will ever with us stay; therefore give us love.
- Faith will vanish into sight;
 hope be emptied in delight;
 love in heaven will shine more bight;
 therefore give us love.
- 5. Faith and hope and love we see joining hand in hand agree; but the greatest of the three, and the best, is love.
- From the overshadowing of thy gold and silver wing shed on us, who to thee sing, holy, heavenly love.

THE GOSPEL LUKE 10:25-37

Jesus has prepared emissaries for a mission beyond Israel. They have returned and reported their success. Now a lawyer, an expert in interpreting Mosaic Law, challenges Jesus. Who can inherit eternal life?

Gospeler: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

Gospeler: A Reading from the Holy Gospel according

to Luke.

All: Glory to Christ Our Saviour.

Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?" He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. He

went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

This is the Gospel of Christ

The people: Praise to Christ our Lord.

(NRSV)

THE SERMON

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is seen or 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, one in Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation

He came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he was born of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in fulfilment of 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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.

He 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 INTERCESSION:

7:15 A,M, RICHARD GILL: FORM A

9: 15 A.M. SANDRA LEACOCK: FORM E

LEADER:

Let us pray for the fellowship of the Church of Christ, and for all God's creatures.

LEADER:

With all who confess the name of Jesus, as Lord and Saviour, we offer our prayers and praises, in Spirit and in truth.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

With Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, who ever lives to intercede for us, we uphold all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may fulfil their high calling in the Faith.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We pray for the unfailing guidance of the Holy Spirit on those who are called to interpret and expound the will of the Lord to others.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We pray for all organizations, within the fellowship of the Body of Christ, that their work may edify the people of God, and bear faithful witness to the Gospel.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

We pray for all persons who do not share our confession of faith, that with courage, truth and love we may work together with them, and promote the common good.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

For the Leaders of our country, and all who make decisions on our behalf, that they may be guided by the Spirit, to direct our affairs in righteousness and peace.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

For our Judges, Magistrates and all who administer justice, that in all things they may seek to do your will, and to protect the rights and freedom of your people.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

In our schools, and in all other places of learning, may true knowledge, sound wisdom, and godly discipline ever be found.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

To the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, and all victims of persecution and discrimination of any kind,

may God in Christ help us all to bring relief, justice and protection.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

To all who suffer now from pain and disease, from human discomfort and misery, may God in Christ bring healing and joy, for the renewal of their faith.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

That we may use aright the fullness of the earth, that our pursuits in science, and the advancement of our skills, may ever be in service of that true humanity, which is created in the image of God.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

That we may never become the slaves of money, or of the lust for power, but may rather strive for victory through the power of love.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

LEADER:

That with all who belong to the communion of saints, both living and departed, we may ever rejoice in the

blessed assurance of that hope, which has been won for us in Christ.

Father in Heaven,

ALL: Receive these our prayers in the name of your dear Son, even Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

PRESIDENT:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1: 8 - 9)

PRESIDENT:

Let us therefore confess our sins.

ALL:

Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.

THE ABSOLUTION

PRESIDENT:

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen

you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE PRESIDENT:

We are the Body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized

into one Body, and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

ALL:

Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

PRESIDENT:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

ALL: And also with you.

The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.

SONG OF PEACE: SHALOM

Jesus our Friend Divine, Give heart and soul and mind The world to him we bring. To serve Almighty King.

Refrain:

Shalom shalom shalom in our hearts Shalom shalom shalom in our life Shalom shalom shalom for the world, In new community

Our Lord so loved the world Let's live in faith to God Struggle in love and hope That's how we praise the Lord.

Refrain

Your Grace unites us all In new community
Your Love and peace may fall To all humanity.

Refrain

ANTHEM: CHOIR:

OFFERTORY HYMN: 392

- When morning gilds the skies, my heart awaking cries, may Jesus Christ be praised: alike at work and prayer, to Jesus I repair; may Jesus Christ be praised.
- Whene'er the sweet church bell peals over hill and dell, may Jesus Christ be praised:

 O hark to what it sings, as joyously it rings, may Jesus Christ be praised.

- My tongue shall never tire of chanting with the choir, may Jesus Christ be praised: this song of sacred joy, it never seems to cloy, may Jesus Christ be praised.
- 4. Does sadness fill my mind? A solace here I find, may Jesus Christ be praised: Or fades my earthly bliss? My comfort still is this, may Jesus Christ be praised.
- 5. The night becomes as day, when from the heart we say, may Jesus Christ be praised: the powers of darkness fear, when this sweet chant they hear, may Jesus Christ be praised.
- Be this, while life is mine, my canticle divine, may Jesus Christ be praised: be this the eternal song through ages all along, may Jesus Christ be praised.

THE PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERINGS PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us: this bread, this wine, this money. With them we

offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you

ALL: And also with you

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

ALL: We lift them up to the Lord.

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **ALL:** It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God:

PENTECOST

Through Jesus Christ our Lord. In fulfilment of His true promise, the Holy Spirit came down (on this day) from heaven, lighting upon the disciples, to teach them and to lead them into all truth; uniting peoples of many tongues in the confession of one faith, and giving to your Church the power to serve you as a royal priesthood, and to preach the Gospel to all nations.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels

and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim 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 He who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER - FORM B:

PRESIDENT:

oly and gracious Father, all creation rightly gives you praise.

All life, all holiness, comes from you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, whom you sent to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts, and we .ask you to make them holy by the power of your Spirit,

that they may-become the Body and Blood of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ,

who offered Himself in obedience to your will, the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

On the night He was betrayed,

He took bread, and when He had given thanks to you, He broke it and gave it to His disciples and said:

"Take this and eat it:

This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he 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.

Do this, whenever you drink it, For the remembrance of me."

ALL:

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

President:

Father, calling to mind the death your Son endured for our salvation;
His glorious Resurrection and Ascension;
His continual intercession for us in heaven;
and looking for His coming again in glory,
we offer you, in thanksgiving,
this holy and life-giving sacrifice.
Look with favour on your Church's offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit

and become one body in Christ, and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you and enable us,

in communion with blessed Mary and the whole company of heaven, to share in the inheritance of your Saints.

With Him and in Him and through Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we worship you, Father Almighty, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, in songs of everlasting praise:

ALL:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRESIDENT:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name; your kingdom come; your will be done on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD

President:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL:

Though we are many we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

THE INVITATION:

President:

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

ALL: Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.

THE HYMN FOR THE COMMUNION: 611

O Food that weary pilgrims love,
 O Bread of angel-hosts above,

- O Manna of the saints, the hungry soul would feed on thee; ne'er may the heart unsolaced be which for thy sweetness faints.
- O fount of love, O cleansing tide, which from the Saviour's piercéd side and sacred heart dost flow, be ours to drink of thy pure rill, which only can our spirits fill, and all our need bestow.
- 3. Lord Jesu, whom, by power divine now hidden 'neath the outward sign, we worship and adore, grant, when the veil away is rolled, with open face we may behold thyself for evermore.

HYMN FOR THE BLESSING: 652

- Jesus bids us shine with a clear pure light, like a little candle burning in the night; in this world of darkness we must shine you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 2. Jesus bids us shine, first of all for him; well he sees and knows it, if our light is dim; he looks down from heaven, to see us shine you in your small corner, and I in mine.
- 3. Jesus bids us shine then; for all around many kinds of darkness in this world abound:

sin and want and sorrow; so we must shine you in your small corner, and I in mine.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

NOTICES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

• The St. James' Church Family would like to extend a blessed welcome to all taking part in this act of worship today.

We offer a very special welcome to all of our visitors., especially those from overseas

We also pray that this service will be an inspiration to all.

THE BLESSING: PENTECOST

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth, give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and to proclaim the word and works of God; and the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 388

- Stand up and bless the Lord, ye people of his choice; stand up and bless the Lord your God with heart and soul and voice.
- 2. Though high above all praise, above all blessing high, who would not fear his holy name, and laud and magnify?
- 3. O for the living flame from his own altar brought, to touch our lips, our minds inspire, and wing to heaven our thought!
- God is our strength and song, and his salvation ours; then be his love in Christ proclaimed with all our ransomed powers.
- Stand up and bless the Lord; the Lord your God adore; stand up and bless his glorious name, henceforth forevermore.

THE DISMISSAL

President: Go in peace and serve the Lord.

ALL In the name of Christ. Amen.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please feel free to depart during the postlude, mindful of those who remain to listen.

OUR BIRTHDAY LIST

Our records indicate that the following members are celebrating their birthdays this week. Special greetings are extended to them.

Babb, Sophia

July 15

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