

**18TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST****SEPTEMBER 22ND, 2024**

9:00 A.M. Holy Eucharist Rite 2	<i>This service may be livestreamed</i>
Prelude: Organist Phill Sterling	
Opening Hymn <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	423 (blue book)
Opening Acclamation	355 (red book)
Gloria	S280 (blue book)
Collect of the Day Proper 20	234 (red book)
Reading—Wisdom of Solomon 1 : 16-2 : 1, 12-22	
Psalms 54	659 (red book)
Epistle— James 3 : 13– 4:3, 7-8a	
Gradual Hymn <i>Jesus Loves Me, This I Know</i>	27 (GEC Songbook)
Gospel— Mark 9 : 30-37	
Homily	Father Joe
Nicene Creed	358 (red book)
Prayers of the People Form I	383 (red book)
Confession of Sin	360 (red book)
The Peace	360 (red book)
Announcements <i>Birthday &amp; Anniversary Prayers</i>	
<i>Offertory</i>	Instrumental
The Great Thanksgiving — Prayer B	367 (red book)
Sanctus <i>Holy, holy, holy Lord,</i>	S130(blue book)
The Lord’s Prayer	364 (red book)
At the Breaking of the Bread <i>Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia</i>	S154(blue book)
Communion	Instrumental
<i>All baptized persons, regardless of denomination, and including children, are welcome to receive Holy Communion. If you wish a blessing instead please cross your arms across your chest.</i>	
Post-Communion Prayer	366 (red book)
Blessing	
Closing Hymn <i>We Walk By Faith (Sung to “Amazing Grace”)</i>	209 (blue book)
Dismissal	366 (red book)

## **Wisdom of Solomon 1:16-2:1, 12-22**

The ungodly by their words and deeds summoned death;  
considering him a friend, they pined away  
and made a covenant with him,  
because they are fit to belong to his company.

For they reasoned unsoundly, saying to themselves,  
“Short and sorrowful is our life,  
and there is no remedy when a life comes to its end,  
and no one has been known to return from Hades.  
Let us lie in wait for the righteous man,  
because he is inconvenient to us and opposes our actions;  
he reproaches us for sins against the law,  
and accuses us of sins against our training.  
He professes to have knowledge of God,  
and calls himself a child of the Lord.  
He became to us a reproof of our thoughts;  
the very sight of him is a burden to us,  
because his manner of life is unlike that of others,  
and his ways are strange.  
We are considered by him as something base,  
and he avoids our ways as unclean;  
he calls the last end of the righteous happy,  
and boasts that God is his father.  
Let us see if his words are true,  
and let us test what will happen at the end of his life;  
for if the righteous man is God’s child, he will help him,  
and will deliver him from the hand of his adversaries.  
Let us test him with insult and torture,  
so that we may find out how gentle he is,  
and make trial of his forbearance.  
Let us condemn him to a shameful death,  
for, according to what he says, he will be protected.”

Thus they reasoned, but they were led astray,  
for their wickedness blinded them,  
and they did not know the secret purposes of God,  
nor hoped for the wages of holiness,  
nor discerned the prize for blameless souls.

**Psalm 54**

1 Save me, O God, by your Name; \*  
in your might, defend my cause.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; \*  
give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For the arrogant have risen up against me,  
and the ruthless have sought my life, \*  
those who have no regard for God.

4 Behold, God is my helper; \*  
it is the Lord who sustains my life.

5 Render evil to those who spy on me; \*  
in your faithfulness, destroy them.

6 I will offer you a freewill sacrifice \*  
and praise your Name, O Lord, for it is good.

7 For you have rescued me from every trouble, \*  
and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

**James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a**

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom

from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures.

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### **Mark 9:30-37**

Jesus and his disciples passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, “The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.” But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the way?” But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, “Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.” Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, “Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.”

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