

# Holy Eucharist

July 23, 2023

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## Proper 11A: the 8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

### Prelude

### Opening Hymn

*To God be the glory*

Voices Found 108



1 To God be the glo - ry, great things he has done! So loved he the  
2 O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood! To ev - ery be -  
3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our re -



world that he gave us his son, who yield - ed his life an a -  
liev - er the pro - mise of God! The vil - est of - fen - der who  
joic - ing through Je - sus the son; but pur - er and high - er and



tone - ment for sin and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus for - give - ness re - ceives.  
great - er will be our won - der, our rap - ture, when Je - sus we see.



*Refrain*

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father, through Jesus the son,

and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

*Presider* Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's reign, now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Presider begins the Collect for Purity*

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 following is sung, all standing as they are able*

**Song of Praise**  
*Surely the presence*

**Chorus Book 104**

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. It consists of four systems of music, each with a vocal line and a guitar accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel His might - y pow - er and His grace. I can hear the brush of an - gels' wings, I see glo - ry on each face; Sure - ly the pres - ence of the Lord is in this place." The guitar chords are: D, F#m7, GM9, Em7, D/E, Em7, F#m A7, G/A A7, D, G/A, F#m A7, D, F#m7, GM9, Em7, Em7, F#m A7, F#m A7, Em7, F#m A7, D.

**Collect of the Day**

*Presider*            The Lord be with you.  
*People*              **And also with you.**  
*Presider*            Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*All sit.*

**First Reading**

Genesis 28:10-19a

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

<sup>10</sup>Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. <sup>11</sup>He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup>And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup>And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup>and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup>Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." <sup>16</sup>Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" <sup>17</sup>And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

<sup>18</sup>So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19a</sup>He called that place Bethel.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 139: 1-11, 22-23**

*to be prayed responsively*

- <sup>1</sup>LORD, you have searched me out and known me; \*  
you know my sitting down and my rising up;  
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- <sup>2</sup>**You trace my journeys and my resting-places \*  
and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- <sup>3</sup>Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, \*  
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- <sup>4</sup>**You press upon me behind and before \*  
and lay your hand upon me.**
- <sup>5</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; \*  
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- <sup>6</sup>**Where can I go then from your Spirit? \*  
where can I flee from your presence?**
- <sup>7</sup>If I climb up to heaven, you are there; \*  
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- <sup>8</sup>**If I take the wings of the morning \*  
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**
- <sup>9</sup>Even there your hand will lead me \*  
and your right hand hold me fast.
- <sup>10</sup>**If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, \*  
and the light around me turn to night,"**
- <sup>11</sup>Darkness is not dark to you;  
the night is as bright as the day; \*  
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- <sup>22</sup>**Search me out, O God, and know my heart; \***

**try me and know my restless thoughts.**

<sup>23</sup>Look well whether there be any wickedness in me \*

**and lead me in the way that is everlasting.**

## Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

<sup>12</sup>So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—<sup>13</sup>for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup>For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup>For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, “Abba! Father!” <sup>16</sup>it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup>and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

<sup>18</sup>I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup>For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup>for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup>that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup>We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; <sup>23</sup>and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Sequence Hymn

**LEVAS 220**

*We are climbing Jacob's ladder*

1. We are \_\_\_\_\_ climb - ing \_\_\_\_\_ Ja - cob's \_\_\_\_\_ lad - der, \_\_\_\_\_

2. Ev' - ry \_\_\_\_\_ round goes \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_

3. Sin - ner \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ love your \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus? \_\_\_\_\_

4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ love Him \_\_\_\_\_ why not \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him, \_\_\_\_\_

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 2. Ev' - ry \_\_\_\_\_ round goes \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_ high - er; \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Sin - ner \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ love your \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ love Him \_\_\_\_\_ why not \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him; \_\_\_\_\_

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 2. Ev' - ry \_\_\_\_\_ round goes \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_ high - er, \_\_\_\_\_  
 3. Sin - ner \_\_\_\_\_ do you \_\_\_\_\_ love your \_\_\_\_\_ Je - sus? \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. If you \_\_\_\_\_ love Him \_\_\_\_\_ why not \_\_\_\_\_ serve Him, \_\_\_\_\_

Sol - diers \_\_\_\_\_ of the \_\_\_\_\_ cross. \_\_\_\_\_

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

*Gospeller* The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>24</sup>[Jesus put another parable before the crowds:] “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field;<sup>25</sup>but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup>So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup>And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ <sup>28</sup>He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ <sup>29</sup>But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup>Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers,

Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.’”

<sup>36</sup>Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, “Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.” <sup>37</sup>He answered, “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup>the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup>and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup>Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup>The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup>and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup>Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!”



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

## **Sermon**

Rob Hampton

*All stand as they are able.*

## **Nicene Creed**

*Presider*    Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and 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,  
of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made.**  
**For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,  
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary  
and became truly human.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with 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 [and the Son],**  
**who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,**  
**who 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.**

*All remain standing as they are able.*

## **Prayers of the People**

*Presider* Sisters and brothers, children of God, surely the Lord is in this place! So let us cry out to God, saying, “Abba! Father! Hear our prayer.”

*Intercessor* God our Parent, you have adopted us as your own children. You have made us joint heirs with Christ. You love us. Lead us by your Spirit and strengthen our hope. Abba! Father!  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

God our Sovereign, you have planted us in a complex and often confusing world. Give us patience to live with each other, not judging our neighbors but trusting in your wisdom. Abba! Father!  
**Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

God of Presence, even creation groans as it waits on you for freedom. Forgive us for the times in which we have subjected it to futility. Give us eyes to see your presence in the heavens, on the earth, and in the seas. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

God of Light, darkness is not dark to you. Brighten the places in our city where darkness serves as a cover for crime and violence. Redeem all who are lost. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

God of the harvest, bless the seeds and the soil of the world. Give us the wisdom to bring forth its yield wisely and according to your will, that all people may have enough to eat. We give you thanks for all the blessings of this life [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

God of Glory, we wait in hope for the day when we will be set free from the bondage of decay. Even now, free [\_\_\_\_\_ and all] the suffering from pain and all the sorrowful from heartache. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

Eternal God, may the righteous shine like the sun in your kingdom. We trust that, even in the grave, you are with us. In hope, save the dying and the dead [especially\_\_\_\_\_]. Abba! Father! **Hear our prayer.**

*Silence is kept*

*Presider* For what other people and situations shall we pray today?

O God, you do not give us answers, you give us grace; you do not give us certainty, you give us faith. You do not give perfect vision, you give us hope; you do not give us easy lives, you give us love. In the messiness of this life, give us an abiding sense of your presence and help us to live in grace, faith, hope and love, even as we fumble our way towards you. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

*The Presider says to the people*

Let us confess our sins to God.

*All remain standing, or kneel, as they are able.*

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. Amen.**

*A Priest stands and says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

*All then stand as they are able.*

## Peace

*Presider* The peace of Christ be always with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Then the Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

*The People then are seated.*

## Announcements

### Holy Communion

*Presider* Through Christ, let us continually offer to God the sacrifice of praise; that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his Name. But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. *Hebrews 13:15, 16*

*The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.*

### Offertory Hymn

### Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*The people remain standing as they are able*

### Great Thanksgiving

*Presider* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Presider* Lift up your hearts.

*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**

*Presider* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Presider proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The Presider continues*

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*The Presider continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them **+** by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us **+** also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

*The Presider then continues*

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
 hallowed be thy Name,  
 thy kingdom come,  
 thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread.  
 And forgive us our trespasses,  
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
 And lead us not into temptation,  
 but deliver us from evil.  
 For thine is the kingdom,  
 and the power, and the glory,  
 forever and ever. Amen.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*A period of silence is kept.*

*The Presider says*

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;  
**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

*All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.*

*Remaining seated, the following is sung after the table has been cleared.*

## **Communion Hymn**

**Hymnal 302**

*Father, we thank thee*

I Fa - ther, we thank thee who hast plant - ed thy ho - ly Name with -

in our hearts. Know - ledge and faith and life im - mor - tal Je - sus thy

Son to us im-parts. Thou, Lord, didst make all for thy plea - sure,  
 didst give us food for all our days, giv - ing in Christ the  
 Bread e - ter - nal; thine is the power, be thine the praise.

*The Presider then says*

Let us pray.

*Presider and People*

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
 you have graciously accepted us as living members  
 of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
 and you have fed us with spiritual food  
 in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
 Send us now into the world in peace,  
 and grant us strength and courage  
 to love and serve you  
 with gladness and singleness of heart;  
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **Blessing**

*A priest blesses the people, saying*

May the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

## Closing Hymn

*For the fruit of all creation*

**Tune:** *Ar Hyd y Nos*

1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.  
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.  
 3 For the har - vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.

For God's gifts to ev - ery na - tion, thanks be to God.  
 In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done.  
 For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God.

For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,  
 In our world - wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,  
 For the won - ders that as - tound us, for the truths that still con - found us,

fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.  
 in the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.  
 most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

## Dismissal

*Minister* We are not sent forth into a world where Christ is absent. It is God's world, and in it Christ awaits us. We go forth to seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving our neighbors as ourselves. We go forth to strive for justice and peace among all people, respecting the dignity of every human being.

*People* **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

## Postlude

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### This week in prayer

**Please remember these persons and congregations in your prayers this week:**

**Our Bishops** Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises (TEC); Elizabeth, Donald and Craig (ELCA)  
**and for** all priests, deacons, Ministry Teams, and those in formation

**Anglican Cycle of Prayer:**

July 23 The Church of the Province of Central Africa

**Diocese of Michigan Cycle of Prayer:**

July 23 St James', Dexter; St Cornelius, Cabarete, DR

**St Barnabas Cycle of Prayer:** Kathy O, Bill O, Melanie, Larry

**and our continuing prayers for:** Bob, Carlos, Jim M, Mardi, Robert, Selenah

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**Faith in Action** continues to provide leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They are in need of our support and help. You may bring your donations to FIA, or to [Nancy](#) who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*. The **next Food Drive** is **August 20**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

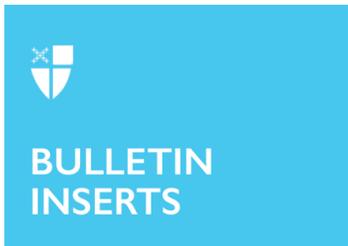
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### Upcoming Commemorations

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| July 23 | John Cassian, Monastic & Theologian, 435  |
| 24      | Thomas a Kempis, Priest and Mystic, 1471  |
| 25      | James the Apostle   |
| 26      | The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and,<br>Charles Raymond Barnes, 1938                      |
| 27      | William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1909   |
| 28      | Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750, George Frederick Handel, 1759,<br>and Henry Purcell, 1695, Composers |

29 Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany; and,  
The First Ordination of Women to the Priesthood in  
The Episcopal Church, 1974

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**July 23, 2023 – Pentecost 8A**

**The Feast of St. James, Apostle and Martyr**

On July 25<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the Feast of St. James, apostle and martyr.

This James is often styled “St. James the Greater,” to distinguish him from the other Apostle of the same name and from James, “the brother of our Lord.” Along with his brother John, James was called by Jesus at the Sea of Galilee as they mended nets with their father, Zebedee, and his hired hands. St. James is named regularly during major events in the Gospels, witnessing the Transfiguration of Christ (Matthew 17; Mark 9; Luke 9), the raising of Jairus’ daughter (Mark 5, Matthew 9; Luke 8), and Jesus’ agony in the garden (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).

For all this honor, though, James also receives correction from Jesus on more than one occasion. He and his brother are given the nickname “Sons of Thunder,” or *Boanerges*, for their zealous and temperamental dispositions. For example, when Samaritan villagers refused to welcome Jesus, the brothers eagerly asked whether he would have them call down fire from heaven to destroy the town. The Lord rebukes them and instead moves on to another village (Luke 9). The Gospels record the brothers (or perhaps their mother) asking the Lord to place them at his right and left hands in his kingdom, which also results in admonishment (Matthew 20), and James is among the apostles who fall asleep in the garden while Jesus prays (Matthew 26; Mark 14; Luke 22).



St. James the Greater, Altaarpiece of Mount San Martino; Carlo Crivelli, c. 1480.

Still, James’ dedication to Jesus is without question, as he is understood to be the first of the twelve to die for him. As the Acts of the Apostles records, “About that time Herod the King laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the Church. He killed James the brother of John with the sword” (Acts 12:1–2).

*Holy Women, Holy Men* explains the veneration of and devotion to St. James following his death: “According to an old tradition, the body of James was taken to Compostela, Spain, which has been a shrine for pilgrims for centuries” (p. 484). His name was translated from the Hebrew *Ya’akov* to the Spanish Iago; thus, “Saint James” becomes “Santo Iago,” or “Santiago.” Santiago de Compostela was an extraordinarily popular destination for pilgrimages, leading to the development of the Camino de Santiago, a route across the countryside, marked by the fisherman’s symbol of a scallop shell.

**Collect for St. James**

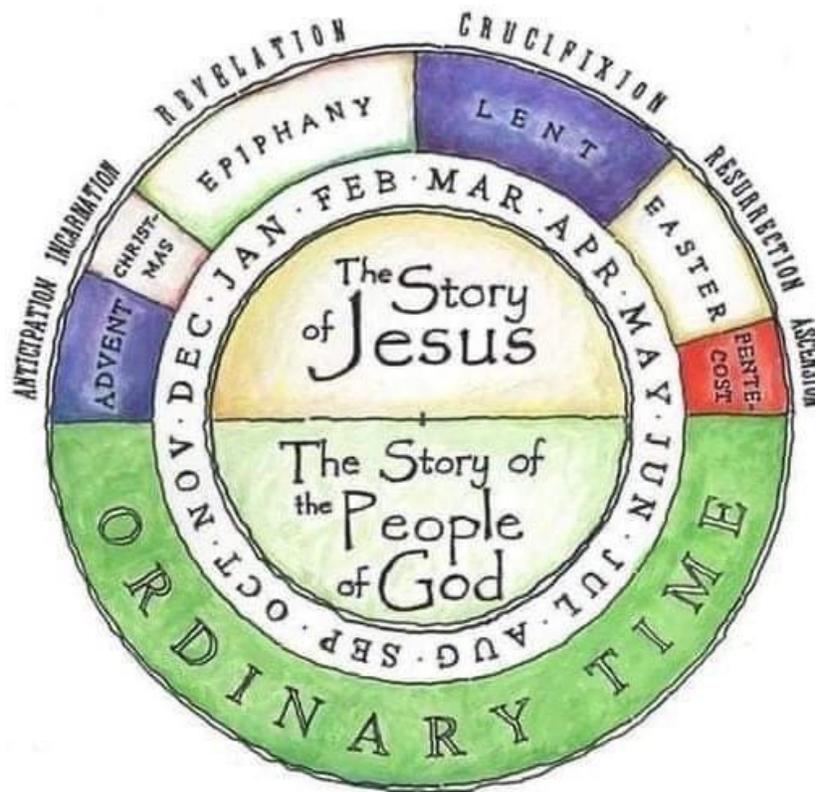
O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon

the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

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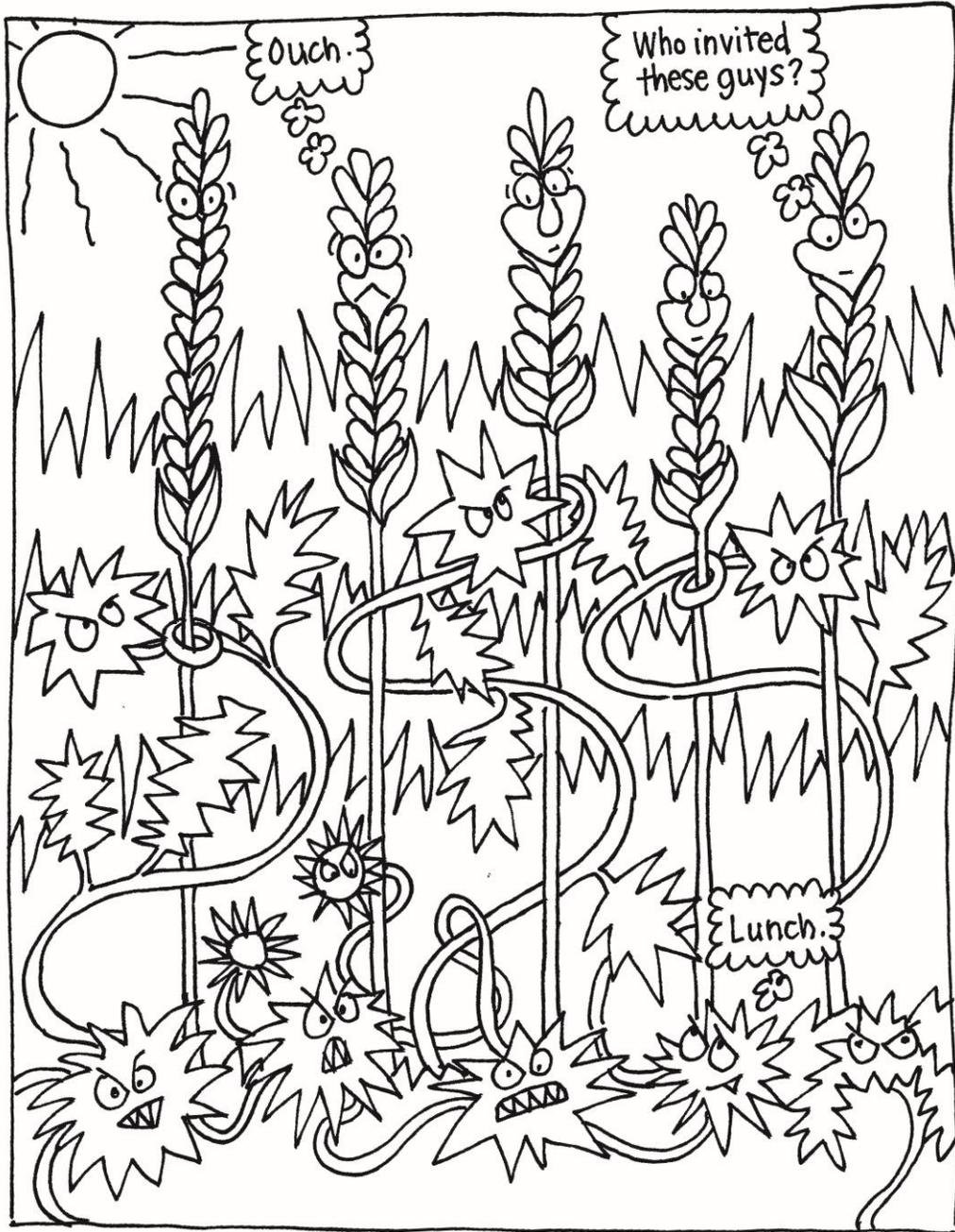
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