

# St. James' E-pistle

## Date of Sunday Service: August 19, 2018

### Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

#### Pulpit Notes

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:

As I write this, word has just come out about the death of Aretha Franklin. The Queen of Soul has died, long live the queen.

Aretha Franklin got her start, like so many, singing in church. She was first recorded at the age of 15 singing in a church service. The power, the passion, the soul in that recording displays not only her formidable talent but the power of music, especially when it is used in praise of God.

One of the reasons that so many performers got their start in church is precisely because that's where something bigger than just the words and the notes comes through. They call it praying twice for a reason. And they call it "soul" for the same reason. When it comes to reaching up to the infinite, to the divine, to the ineffable...there's nothing quite as powerful as song.

I could mention that we have a class starting in September about church music, but that's not why I am writing this. I could talk about the Taizé music we have been singing at communion this summer, but that's not why I'm writing. I'm writing simply to reflect on what power these notes on paper translates to.

I know I sing a lot. Sometimes, after church, I catch myself singing. After the 8:00 AM service, I might be singing the last song Doug and Jeff were playing. After the 10:00 AM service, after everyone has left, I often sing the recessional hymn. Certainly, this Sunday, the hymn stuck with me - and several others who commented on how much they liked it.

A lot of people are a bit afraid to sing, to really let loose and belt one out. They're afraid of embarrassing themselves. Maybe they're afraid of getting a little too in touch with that primal part of ourselves that seems most accessible through music. It is so powerful that at one time even church leaders were afraid of music. Fortunately, they realized how wrong that was.

A lot of us are also afraid to sing because we have professionalized music. We're not pros, so we should just keep quiet and listen. I hope that's not you. Professionals like Aretha are worth rejoicing over - but every one of us has the power to reach up to God with our voices, and it would be a shame if we thought it would be best to let someone else do it for us. Let YOUR voice do the reaching up - you'll be touched all the more intimately.

So, music and its power - so marvelously displayed in the talent of Aretha Franklin - is for us. She deserves our RESPECT for singing truth that went to our bones. No matter your musical ability, what better sign of respect could you show than singing a song in her honor?

Grace and Peace,

Chuck +

## Announcements

### SUMMER PLEDGE APPEAL:

**We are in full summer mode now, and that means travel. It also means it's easy to forget your pledge. This is your friendly reminder to keep up with your pledge so your St. James' family can keep up with the work God has given us to do together. If you have yet to pledge for this year, it's never too late! God is good, and so is your partnership in the Jesus Movement.**

### *Graveyard Tours Coming:*

We are getting ready for the Graveyard Tours! This year is the 100th anniversary of the end of World War I, and we are paying tribute to that commemoration with a focus on characters who served in that war. Every year, we need volunteers to help with the Tours: Parking, Tour Guides, Set Up and Break Down. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Brian Rance, who is the coordinator. He can be reached at [brian.rance@freshfields.com](mailto:brian.rance@freshfields.com) or 917 650 0233. Let's make this the best year ever!

See the image below. A copy of this image (in pdf format) is included in the e-mail to which this E-pistle is attached. Please feel free to forward it to friends who might be interested in attending the Tours.

# ST. JAMES' EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

## 2018 HISTORIC GRAVEYARD TOURS

As your tour guide leads you by lantern light through our historic 200 year-old graveyard, you will meet some of the more interesting "residents" who from time to time make an appearance. Now in our 9th season, the Graveyard Tours change every year with new characters and new features, but always in the same spirit of learning and fun.

### Photographs from Last Year



### This Year's Characters

#### Ogden Livingston Mills (1884 – 1937)

- \* resigned as NY State Senator to join the army; served as Captain
- \* flew reconnaissance missions over enemy lines
- \* family home in Paris was used as headquarters of American Expeditionary Force on the Western Front commander John J. Pershing

#### William T. White (1896 - 1918)

- \* enlisted June 20, 1917
- \* died in France of pneumonia Oct. 14, 1918
- \* Army – Private, 1st FA (field artillery) BDE (brigade), 1st Division

#### (William) Gerald Morgan (1879 – 1948)

- \* went to Europe as a war correspondent in 1915
- \* In 1929 his wife inherited the Bellefield property in Hyde Park from her father's estate
- \* they were friends of Hyde Park neighbors Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt

#### John Griswold Webb (1890 – 1934)

- \* war correspondent for Boston Herald in Mexico in 1912 and 1913, campaigning with General Huerta in the Mexican Revolution.
- \* August 1918 enlisted as a private in the Army
- \* took field artillery officer's training and was discharged in 1919

#### Ruth Morgan (1870 – 1934)

- \* Chairperson of the social services dept. of Bellevue Hospital and director of the State Charities Aid Association
- \* founder of the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of War
- \* one of 5 high commissioners of the American Red Cross during WWI
- \* responsible for the organization of flying squadrons of nurses who spoke both French and English

#### Marge (1908 – 1980) and Les (1899 – 1978) Entrup

- \* husband and wife
- \* cook and house man for Eleanor Roosevelt

**Location:** 4526 Albany Post Road, Hyde Park (on Rte. 9 across from the Vanderbilt Mansion)

**Dates:** Fri. Oct. 5, Sat. Oct. 6, Fri. Oct. 12, Sat. Oct. 13, Fri. Oct. 19 and Sat. Oct. 20th

**Shows at:** 7:00, 7:30 and 8:00 p.m.

**Tour Length:** One hour

**Tickets:** At [www.eventbrite.com](http://www.eventbrite.com) (search for St. James' Historic Graveyard Tours) or visit [www.stjameshydepark.org/graveyardtours.htm](http://www.stjameshydepark.org/graveyardtours.htm) or call the Parish Office at 845 229 2820 (open Tues. - Fri. 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m)

**Cost:** \$20 per person (\$10 for children 12 and under)

#### E-mail:

[stjamesoffice@stjameshydepark.org](mailto:stjamesoffice@stjameshydepark.org)

at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/22692330307>

### *We Need A Defibrillator!*

Donations have started to come in to purchase a defibrillator for St. James'. We have an envelope in the Narthex of the Church where you can leave either cash or check. We'll just keep the envelope out every Sunday until we have enough. Total cost for the defibrillator is between \$1,200 and \$1,500. Some parishioners have been trained on use of the defibrillator, and after we get one, we'll arrange for more instruction.

### *Bible Study Takes A Break:*

The Thursday morning Bible Study will be on summer break this month. We resume meeting on Thursday, September 6 at 11:00 AM

### *Between Service Classes:*

The Between-Service Classes take a break in August but resume in September with a look at Church music. The first class of the new session is

**September 16** - "Why Do We Have Music?"

**September 23** - "Navigating The Hymnal 1982."

**September 30** - "Greatest Hits of the Hymnal."

**October 7** - "Other Hymnals: LEVAS and more."

**October 14** - "Rock Stars of Church Music."

### *LECTOR Training:*

The success of the Lay Reader Training has inspired us to offer a Lector Training session this Fall. Lectors are those who read lessons only - usually just the first (Old Testament) reading. This session will be a refresher for all current lectors, but also training for anyone interested in becoming a lector. **Tentative Date: Saturday, September 15, at 10 AM in the Wilks Room.** It is only between an hour and an hour-and-a-half, so it won't be much time out of your day.

### *REGIONAL COUNCIL AND POSSIBILITIES:*

Below, you will find a flyer and registration form for Regional Council. We are encouraging ALL parishioners to attend if possible - and other churches have also encouraged their parishioners to come. Want it to be an event for all Episcopalians in the Hudson Valley. But hurry! The deadline is September 21. St. James' is hosting this year, so you know how to find it!

The Regional Council is an annual meeting of the Hudson Valley churches - especially Dutchess and Ulster County. Each parish has two delegates, but all Episcopalians in the region are encouraged to attend. See below for registration information.

ALSO: Clergy from the region this week discussed the idea of a smaller groups - Inter Parish Councils - meeting six months after the Regional Council. This would be a way for parishioners to discuss additional topics of interest and to keep relationships strong.

### *I WANT MY CHURCH TO GROW:*

In April, the diocese hosted a workshop called "I Want My Church To Grow." It was so popular that they have decided to host another one in our region.

Right now, the *proposed* date for the even is November 3.

This is a workshop for everyone who loves God and their parish.

Topics for this include:

- Episcopalians Evangelize? Using Community Organizing Tools for Church Growth
- You Start with what You Have: Asset Based Congregational Development
- We Need More Money: Best Practices for Your Stewardship Campaign
- Everything Keeps Changing! Vestry 101 for the 21st Century

## **Save the Date!**

**Mid-Hudson Regional Council Meeting**  
**Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018**  
**9:30am-3pm at St. James Hyde Park**



After our business meeting, we will engage with the topic  
of **CLIMATE CHANGE**  
and our role in caring for God's creation.

*Featuring keynote speaker, **the Rev. Jeff Golliver** and  
**Hudson River Playback Theatre**, a group that fosters  
change through storytelling, music and interactive  
performance.*

***The Rt. Rev. Andrew Dietsche** will preach and preside  
at Holy Eucharist. More information and registration  
materials will follow soon.*

The Mid-Hudson Regional Council  
Saturday, September 29, 2018 - 9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

*CLIMATE CHANGE:  
Our role in caring for God's Creation*

*St. James', Hyde Park*

~ Registration Form ~

Parish: \_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_

Clergy Attending:

\_\_\_\_\_  
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Voting Delegate(s):

\_\_\_\_\_

Other Attendees:

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Please complete this form and send it to:

The Episcopal Diocese of New York  
The Mid-Hudson Regional Office  
30 Pine Grove Avenue  
Kingston, New York 12401

Please note that each parish, regardless of size, is entitled to two (2) voting delegates. All clergy are voting members. We welcome and encourage other members of your parish to attend **Deadline for registration is Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>**. Cost is \$10.00 per participant – checks made payable to Diocese of New York

August 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
12	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b>  <b>NO VESTRY MEETING IN AUGUST</b>	<b>15</b> 10 AM Morning Prayer  2 PM Hyde Park Assisted Living	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 8 AM Men's Breakfast  Fr. Chuck on Vacation
19  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>20</b> Office Closed  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>21</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>22</b> 10 AM Morning Prayer  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>23</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>24</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>25</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation
26  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>27</b> Office Closed  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>28</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>29</b> 10 AM Morning Prayer  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>30</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	<b>31</b>  Fr. Chuck on Vacation	
<p>Sundays:            Holy Eucharist Rite I is at 8:00 AM            Holy Eucharist Rite II (with music) is at 10:00 AM. Sunday School and nursery are available at 10:00 AM.            Between Service Classes on Sundays are from 9:15 to 9:45 in the Wilks Room.</p>						

**Diocesan Cycle of Prayer:**

Please pray for these diocesan ministries this week. If you want to check out the entire year's calendar for intercession, it's simple to find - go to <https://www.diocesenyny.org/administration/for-clergy/liturgical-and-sacramental/diocesan-calendar-of-intercession/>

- 20 The Episcopal School in the City of New York, Manhattan
- 21 Church Periodical Club
- 22 The Day School at Christ & St. Stephen's, Manhattan
- 23 St. Andrew's Church, Manhattan
- 24 The Diocesan Comptroller
- 25 Canons Committee and Resolutions Committee, Diocesan Convention

**Please keep the following people in your prayers:**

Ashley, John Bohlmann, Helen Braun, Darlene Calgagni, Mariel Carter, Joanne Clark, Linkin Ewalt, Loretta Falzarano (sister of Donna Beyer), Heather Francese, Kathy Ganim, Brian Ganter (deployed to Afghanistan), Karla Givison (Deb Belding's sister), Gloria Golden, Robert Guariglia, Harold Hall, Dalton K., Edie Kline, Ashley Konyn, Tedi Kramer, Hope Jennings, Rosemary Leuken, Joanne Lynn, Jim Lynn (Carol Bender's brother - facing surgery)., Doris Mack, Margaret, Andrew Mendelson, Beth and Ginero Milano, Lillian Peralta, Mary Bowers Peters (stroke), Grace Plass, Deborah Porach, John Robinson, Rob Robinson, Jason Rodino (serving in Afghanistan), Pat Rooney, John Ross, Hank Schroeder, James Sheeky, Naomi Sleight, Carl Smith, Marguerite Spratt, Janice Syedullah, Tracy, Georgia Verven, Candace Vincent, Cassidy Way, Cliff Wells and Shawn Wheeler.

**Schedules**

*A Note about Schedules: The names you see below are those listed on their respective schedules. There are often times when, due to sickness or travel, substitutes are asked to fill in or trade positions. This will probably NOT be reflected in the lists below—so, if there is an inconsistency between what you see here and what you see on Sunday, that is all right.*

- Birthdays (this past week): G. Angela Henry and Vince Asher
- Birthdays (this coming week): Amelia McNamara, Shirley Ferris, Liz Granados, Scott Pitcher, Jeffrey E. Pardee and Christopher Santos
- Acolytes:
  - August 19: Russell
  - August 26: Nancy
- Altar Guild:
  - August 19: Team III
  - August 26: Team I
- 8 a.m. Readers:
  - August 19: Lucille Ogden and Jim Smyth
  - August 26: Lucille Ogden and Lucille Ogden
- 10 a.m. Readers:
  - August 19: Wendy Urban-Mead and Nancy Montero
  - August 26: Wilma Tully and Charlotte DeGross

Ushers: August 19: Nancy Montero and Anna Marie Pitcher  
August 26: Andrew and Tanya Hall

Pledge Clerks: August 19: Tanya Hall and Anna Marie Pitcher  
August 26: Andy Hall and Dean Caswell

Parish Cycle of Prayer: August 19: Carol Vinall, Dick Wager, Laura Walsh, Dyan Wapnick  
August 26: Dave and Chris Wardell, Pat Weber, Cliff and Bobbie Wells,

Coffee Hour Hosts: August 19: No Coffee Hour  
August 26: No Coffee Hour

## **This Week's Lectionary**

1 Kings 2:10-12; 3:3-14  
Psalm 111  
Ephesians 5:15-20  
John 6:51-58

## **This Week's Hymns**

Processional: 455 - O Love of God  
Sequence: L150 - Jesus, The Bread of Life  
Offertory: L151 - One Bread one Body  
Communion: Taizé: "Eat This Bread"  
Recessional: 401 - The God of Abraham Praise

## **Last Week's Sermon**

Sermon Preached on Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

*"I Can't Get No Satisfaction"*

In a way, you almost have to feel sorry for King David. Almost. Because with all the good things that happened to him, he either moaned about it or sabotaged it.

Remember when he became king and Saul was killed? He mourned.

Remember when everything was going well, and he messed it up by raping Bathsheba and killing her husband?

And now today, he wins a great battle against a son who betrayed him and tried to kill him. So what does he do? Laments the son's death right in front of all the troops who just saved his life.

There is no satisfying that man. You can almost hear him singing that old Rolling Stones Song, "I Can't Get No Satisfaction."

It's almost like he's connected to the Jewish leaders in John's gospel today. Now, first a word about John's use of the phrase, "The Jews." John's not talking about all Judaism, but since he was writing for an audience that was less familiar with Judaism in general, he didn't bother with more particular terms like Pharisees or Sadducees or all the intricacies of the temple. He simplified things to, "the Jews."

But in this context, they seem a lot like David because they are never satisfied with a single thing Jesus does. Today it's because he calls himself the Bread of Life. Remember, he says this right after Feeding of 5,000 with a couple of loaves of bread and a few fish, so it's not like he doesn't have some credibility here. But they don't want to hear any of it. They complain that he's just the kid down the street, so who is he to say he's the Bread of Life?

To which he says, "You want the bread of your ancestors? The bread that fell from heaven? Well, they weren't satisfied with *that* either. No truth, no facts will satisfy you - you have chosen not to come to me. So be it."

Like David, they can not find - will not find - satisfaction, and their lives (not to mention the lives of those around them) are poorer for it.

But let's not be too hard on them because, let's face it, they are us. We often live lives of DISSatisfaction. For a lot of us, no matter how much we have, no matter how well things are going, no matter what fantastic experiences we have, we look for the down side first. If we win \$50 million in the lottery, we thank, "Oh great, this is going to be an accounting nightmare! And think about how much I'm going to have to pay in taxes! And the gold diggers..."

Almost like it would've been better not to win - except then we'd say, "Ugh, I never win..."

This isn't just "those people," either. All humans have a tendency to a lesser or greater extent toward dissatisfaction. Maybe that's because we are programmed to survive - and if we're in survival mode, that's all we have time and energy for.

But once our basic needs are met, we still seek more because we have a hard time getting out of survival mode. So we get more and more - but the reward seems to be less and less.

Jesus says that's because it's not physical bread we need anymore. It's the bread of life. It's the bread that feeds our souls - a much more difficult bread to earn for ourselves, but bread that is right there for us if we only take it. The Bread of Jesus is the heart filled with love, the heart that sees how little physical bread we really need because what God fills us with here (heart) is greater.

We still need to fill our basic needs - but that bread can't satisfy. For that, we need heart bread.

There's a nice pop song that came out recently that we've been listening to. It's called "Have it all" but doesn't mean what you think at first. I'll just quote a little of it:

May you have the confidence to always do your best  
May you take no effort in your being generous  
Sharing what you can, nothing more nothing less  
May you know the meaning of the word happiness  
May you always lead from the beating in your chest

May you be as fascinating as a slap bracelet  
May you keep the chaos and the clutter off your desk  
May you have unquestionable health and less stress  
Having no possessions though immeasurable wealth

*("Have it all" by Jason Mraz)*

What I like is that it acts kind of like a blessing. It is just a pop song, but unlike the Stones, it seems to understand what DOES give satisfaction. It never was the stuff or even how other people treat us. It has always been the heart bread. Bread of life. And for us, that's Jesus. Amen.

#### *A WORD ABOUT RECORDED SERMONS:*

Most weeks, I upload a recorded copy of the sermon onto my Facebook page as well as St. James' YouTube channel. I have not yet figured out how to upload them to the St. James' Facebook page but am working on it.

You can also listen to sermons by going to YouTube ([www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)) and searching for "St. James Episcopal Church, Hyde Park, NY". There, you will not only find sermons, but also videos of the Fireside Chats and other videos of interest. You can subscribe to that page, and then when new content is uploaded, you will receive a notification.

## SERMON VALUATION FORM

It is not necessary to take notes during the sermon. Rather, you can take some time afterwards to recollect the sermon and its effect on you. Give yourself a few minutes for each of the questions. If you choose to share this with the preacher, it can be a powerful aid to better preaching - but this is not a form to be handed to the preacher and forgotten. It is an aid for you, so you can speak directly with the preacher and answer follow-up questions.

1. WHAT ARE YOU STILL HEARING?

*That is, without evaluating it, what are the words or phrases from the sermon that are still echoing in your ears? Are there any "ear worms"?*

2. WHERE MIGHT THIS BE LEADING?

*As a listener, where does this sermon lead you? What does it invite you to? What are the next steps in your faith that might arise from this sermon?*

3. HOW DOES THIS SERMON "PLAY"?

*That is, how is it organized or ordered? What steps has the preacher taken you through? What structure did you notice in this sermon? What has it asked you to do?*

4. HOW MIGHT THIS SERMON "GROW"?

*That is, what suggestions would you have to hone the message of this sermon, to make it more engaging, inspiring, logical, fleshed out... No sermon is ever entirely done; its themes will be revisited over time. What would help the next time be more compelling?*