



**St. James' Episcopal Church**  
*knowing and serving God by serving others*



**2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**June 6 & 7, 2026**  
**5pm Saturday**  
**8am & 10am Sunday**  
**Holy Eucharist Rite Two**

# St. James' Episcopal Church

## ***WELCOME!***

It is such a pleasure to have you with us today, and we would be so blessed to see you again! We are affirming of all people, including those of all races, ethnicities, genders, orientations, political views, ages, and backgrounds. *You are welcome here.* We hope your faith has been strengthened by your time here.

## ***Join us for Communion!***

All baptized individuals are welcome to receive communion in the Episcopal Church. If you prefer not to receive, join us at the altar rail and cross your arms for a blessing. Gluten-free bread is available as well, just ask! Haven't been baptized yet? Speak to Father Mike to begin your life-changing celebration- you are never too old to be baptized in the church!

## ***How do I become a member?***

Being a member of St. James is easy! All you need to do is fill out our membership form and you are a member. If you are a confirmed Episcopalian moving from an Episcopal congregation, just simply contact our parish office (610-489-7564), give the Parish Administrator the name of your previous church, and we will contact your previous church for a Letter of Transfer.

## ***What if I am not an Episcopalian?***

You don't need to be a confirmed Episcopalian to be a member of St. James'. You just need to have been baptized and send us a copy of your baptism. All this is on the membership form.

## ***How do I get a membership form?***

Just fill out the "white" welcome card that is in the pews and place it in the offertory plate as it is being passed. Once the office receives your card, we will send you a membership package in the mail. Once you have filled the forms, you can either mail them back to St. James' or bring them with you to church and hand them to Fr. Mike after the service.

## ***What if I have never been baptized?***

Just let Fr. Mike know of your desire to be baptized and we will schedule a Sunday to do so. Baptism is a life-changing experience and one that is done with the community of believers here at St. James'. At our baptism, we make promises to God that help us to live our lives as faithful followers of Christ. We the family of believers here at St. James' will make promises also to uphold you in this endeavor and to support you in any way that we can.

## ***Let's stay in touch!***

Not ready to commit to membership just yet? That's ok! If you'd like to join our weekly "Happenings" email list, speak to Father Mike, or send an email to Sara Terenzi, our Office Admin, at [office@stjames-episcopal.org](mailto:office@stjames-episcopal.org)

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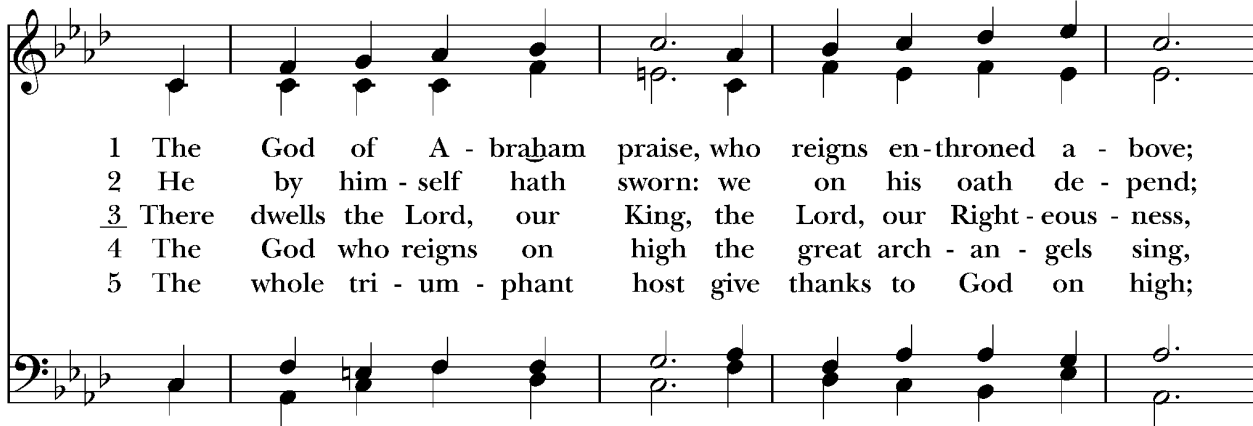
**Pentecost II**  
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The Holy Eucharist Rite Two  
Sunday, June 7, 2026

The Word of God

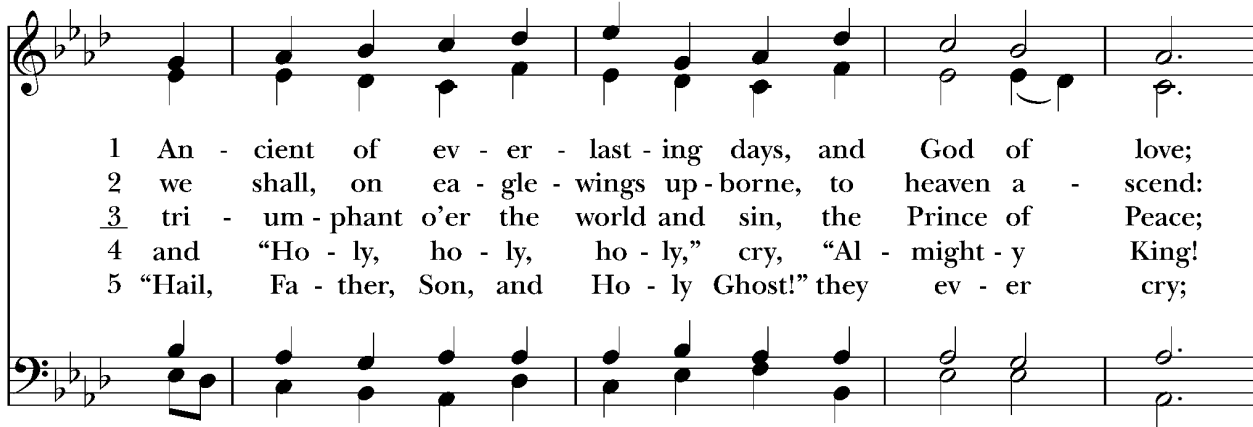
PRELUDE "Diapason Movement" - John Keeble

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

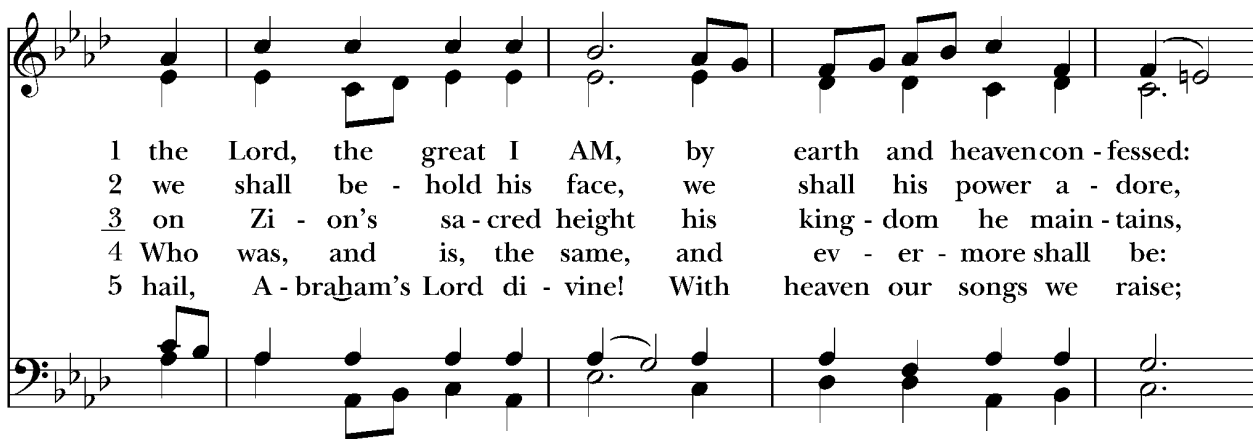
TITLE: *The God of Abraham praise (Leoni)* (H 401)



1 The God of A - braham praise, who reigns en - throned a - bove;  
2 He by him - self hath sworn: we on his oath de - pend;  
3 There dwells the Lord, our King, the Lord, our Right - eous - ness,  
4 The God who reigns on high the great arch - an - gels sing,  
5 The whole tri - um - phant host give thanks to God on high;



1 An - cient of ev - er - last - ing days, and God of love;  
2 we shall, on ea - gle - wings up - borne, to heaven a - scend:  
3 tri - um - phant o'er the world and sin, the Prince of Peace;  
4 and "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly," cry, "Al - might - y King!  
5 "Hail, Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost!" they ev - er cry;



1 the Lord, the great I AM, by earth and heaven con - fessed:  
2 we shall be - hold his face, we shall his power a - dore,  
3 on Zi - on's sa - cred height his king - dom he main - tains,  
4 Who was, and is, the same, and ev - er - more shall be:  
5 hail, A - braham's Lord di - vine! With heaven our songs we raise;

we bow and bless the sa - cred Name for ev - er blest.  
 and sing the won - ders of his grace for ev - er - more.  
 and, glo - rious with his saints in light, for ev - er reigns.  
 e - ter - nal Fa - ther, great I AM, we wor - ship thee."  
 all might and ma - jes - ty are thine, and end - less praise.

**OPENING ACCLAMATION (BCP p. 355)** *The people standing, the Celebrant says*  
 Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY (BCP p. 355)** *The Celebrant may say*

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.*

**KYRIE ELEISON** (5pm only)

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* Lord, have mercy.

**SONG OF PRAISE** (8 and 10am only) *The following is sung, all standing*

**TITLE: S 236 A Song of Praise (Canticle 13) (Rutter)**

1. Glo - ry to you, Lord  
 God of our fa - thers; you are wor - thy of praise;  
 glo - ry to you. 2. Glo - ry to you  
 for the ra - di - ance of your ho - ly Name; we will

praise you and high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

3. Glo - ry to you in the splen - dor of your

tem - ple; on the throne of your ma - jes - ty, glo - ry to

you. 4. Glo - ry to you, seat - ed bet -

ween the Cher - u - bim; we will praise you and

high - ly ex - alt you for ev - er.

*Descant*

5. Glo - ry to you, be -

5. Glo - ry to you, be - hold - ing the

hold - ing the depths; in the high vault of

depths; in the high vault of hea - ven, glo - ry to

hea - ven, 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_  
 you. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. Glo - ry to you, \_\_\_\_\_ Fa - ther,  
 — Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; we will  
 Son, and Ho - ly Spi - rit; \_\_\_\_\_ we will praise you and  
 high-ly ex - alt you Glo-ry to you! \_\_\_\_\_  
 high-ly ex - alt you for ev - er. \_\_\_\_\_

**THE COLLECT OF THE DAY (BCP p. 357)**

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.

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

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**THE LESSONS** *Please be seated for the readings*

**FIRST READING: Hosea 5:15--6:6**

A Reading from the book of the prophet Hosea.

[Thus says the LORD:] <sup>15</sup>“I will return again to my place  
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
 In their distress they will beg my favor:

<sup>6:1</sup>“Come, let us return to the LORD;  
 for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
 he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

<sup>2</sup>After two days he will revive us;

on the third day he will raise us up,  
that we may live before him.

<sup>3</sup>Let us know, let us press on to know the LORD;  
his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
he will come to us like the showers,  
like the spring rains that water the earth.'

<sup>4</sup>What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?  
What shall I do with you, O Judah?  
Your love is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.

<sup>5</sup>Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,  
I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgment goes forth as the light.

<sup>6</sup>For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt offerings."

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

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

#### **PSALM: Psalm 50:7-15**

<sup>7</sup>Hear, O my people, and I will speak:  
"O Israel, I will bear witness against you; \*  
for I am God, your God.

<sup>8</sup>I do not accuse you because of your sacrifices; \*  
your offerings are always before me.

<sup>9</sup>I will take no bull-calf from your stalls, \*  
nor he-goats out of your pens;

<sup>10</sup>For all the beasts of the forest are mine, \*  
the herds in their thousands upon the hills.

<sup>11</sup>I know every bird in the sky, \*  
and the creatures of the fields are in my sight.

<sup>12</sup>If I were hungry, I would not tell you, \*  
for the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

<sup>13</sup>Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, \*  
or drink the blood of goats?

<sup>14</sup>Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and make good your vows to the Most High.

<sup>15</sup>Call upon me in the day of trouble; \*  
I will deliver you, and you shall honor me."

#### **SECOND READING: Romans 4:13-25**

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

<sup>13</sup>The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. <sup>14</sup>If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. <sup>15</sup>For the law brings wrath; but where

there is no law, neither is there violation.

<sup>16</sup>For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, <sup>17</sup>as it is written, “I have made you the father of many nations”)—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. <sup>18</sup>Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become “the father of many nations,” according to what was said, “So numerous shall your descendants be.” <sup>19</sup>He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. <sup>20</sup>No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, <sup>21</sup>being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. <sup>22</sup>Therefore his faith “was reckoned to him as righteousness.” <sup>23</sup>Now the words, “it was reckoned to him,” were written not for his sake alone, <sup>24</sup>but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, <sup>25</sup>who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*Reader*           The Word of the Lord.

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

SEQUENCE HYMN (8 and 10am only) *All stand*

TITLE: *O God of Bethel, by whose hand (Dundee)* (H 709)



1 O God of Beth - el, by whose hand thy peo - ple still are fed;  
2 Our vows, our prayers, we now pre - sent be - fore thy throne of grace:  
3 Through each per - plex - ing path of life our wan - dering foot - steps guide;  
4 O spread thy shel - tering wings a - round, till all our wan - derings cease,  
5 Such bless - ings from thy gra - cious hand our hum - ble prayers im - plore;



1 who through this earth - ly pil - grim - age hast all thine Is - rael led:  
2 O God of Is - rael, be the God of this suc - ceed - ing race.  
3 give us each day our dai - ly bread, and rai - ment fit pro - vide.  
4 and at our Fa - ther's loved a - bode our souls ar - rive in peace!  
5 and thou shalt be our cov - enant God and por - tion ev - er - more.

GOSPEL LESSON *All stand*

Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

<sup>9</sup>As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him.

<sup>10</sup>And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. <sup>11</sup>When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” <sup>12</sup>But when he heard this, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup>Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but

sinner.”

<sup>18</sup>While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, “My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.” <sup>19</sup>And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. <sup>20</sup>Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, <sup>21</sup>for she said to herself, “If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup>Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.” And instantly the woman was made well. <sup>23</sup>When Jesus came to the leader’s house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, <sup>24</sup>he said, “Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.” And they laughed at him. <sup>25</sup>But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. <sup>26</sup>And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**SERMON:** The Rev. Dr. Mike Sowards

**THE NICENE CREED (BCP p. 358)** *All stand*

**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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped 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 PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE** *You may stand or kneel*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

For those on the St. James' prayer list; Adele\*, Alexis & Steven\*, Amanda\*, Angela\*, Arlene, Art\*, Ashton\*, Beverly\*, Brian, Carol\*, Carson, Chris, Chris & Linda, Dana, David, Dennis, Donna, Eddie, Eliza\*, Fran A.\*, Fran R, Fred\*, Gary\*, Gene, Harry\*, Jan\*, Jean, Jeannine\*, Joan, Joanne, Joanne & Kevin, Katherine\*, Mike\*, Kelly\*, Laura, Lauren\*, Laurie\*, Linda, Marie, Melissa, Michael, the Mignogna family, Nancy, Patricia, Patty, Ron, Sophie\*, Susie, Tim\*, the Wirth family, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Are there others?*

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled - especially Perry & Dolores Faust, in whose names the flowers are given. *Are there others?*  
We pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy  
***Hear our prayer.***

**CONFESSION OF SIN** *All kneeling or reverently sitting*  
*The Deacon or Celebrant says*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Minister and People*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*The 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.**

**THE PEACE** *All stand*

*Celebrant*        The peace of the Lord 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 Holy Communion

**OFFERTORY SENTENCE** *The Celebrant says*

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. *Romans 12:1*

**OFFERTORY HYMN** (8 and 10am only) *All stand*

**TITLE:** *O for a thousand tongues to sing (Azmon) (H 493)*

The musical score is written for two staves: a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the bass clef providing a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff, with line numbers 1 through 5 on the left. The lyrics are: 1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise, 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease; 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive, 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!  
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.  
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.  
 4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - jice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.  
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love  
 be now and ever given  
 by saints below and saints above,  
 the Church in earth and heayen.

**DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise God, all creatures here below;  
 Praise God above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A**

**SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 361)** *The People remain standing*

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
*People* **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*People* **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

**PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 361)** *Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds*

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, 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 sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

TITLE: *S 129 Holy, holy, holy (Powell)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and  
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who  
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.\_\_\_\_\_

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION** *The People stand or kneel*

*The Celebrant continues*

Holy and gracious God: 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:

*Celebrant and People*

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**EPICLESIS (BCP p. 363)** *The Celebrant continues*

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, Almighty God, 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 God, now and for ever. *AMEN.*

### THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.**

### THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

#### FRACTION ANTHEM (5 PM SPOKEN)

Celebrant: Alleluia, alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia, alleluia.**

**TITLE: S 154 Christ our Passover (Hurd) (BCP p. 364) (8 and 10am sung)**

*This setting is not used in Lent.*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.  
Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;  
there - fore let us keep the feast.  
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.


#### INVITATION (BCP p. 364) *The Celebrant says*

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

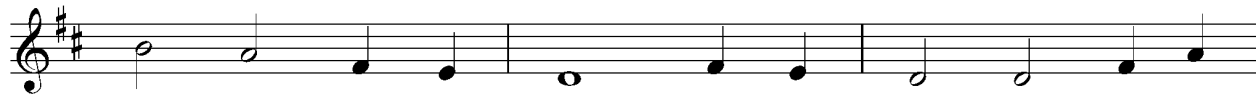
**DISTRIBUTION (BCP p. 365)** *The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.*

**COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)**


**TITLE: *Come, thou fount of every blessing* (H 686)**



1 Come, thou fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my  
 2 Here I find my great - est trea - sure; hith - er,  
 3 Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly



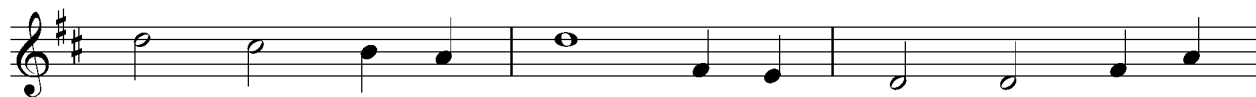
heart to sing thy grace! Streams of mer - cy nev - er  
 by thy help, I've come; and I hope, by thy good  
 I'm con - strained to be! Let thy good - ness, like a




ceas - ing, call for songs of loud - est praise.  
 plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.  
 fet - ter, bind my wan - dering heart to thee:



Teach me some me - lo - dious son - net, sung by  
 Je - sus sought me when a stran - ger wan - dering  
 prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to



flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the mount! Oh, fix me  
 from the fold of God; he, to res - cue me from  
 leave the God I love; here's my heart, oh, take and



on it, mount of God's un - chang - ing love.  
 dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.  
 seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

**TITLE: *In your mercy, Lord, you called me (Halton Holgate) (H 706)***

1 In your mer - cy, Lord, you called me, taught my  
 2 Lord, I did not free - ly choose you till by  
 3 Now my heart sets none a - bove you, for your

sin - filled heart and mind, else this world had  
 grace you set me free; for my heart would  
 grace a - lone I thirst, know - ing well, that

still en - thralld me, and to glo - ry kept me blind.  
 still re - fuse you had your love not cho - sen me.  
 if I love you, you, O Lord, have loved me first.

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER - ETERNAL GOD (BCP P. 365)**

Let us pray.

*Celebrant 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**

RECESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *Earth and all stars (Earth and All Stars) (H 412)*



1 Earth and all stars, loud rush - ing plan - ets, sing to the  
 2 Hail, wind, and rain, loud blow - ing snow - storms, sing to the  
 3 Trum - pet and pipes, loud clash - ing cym - bals, sing to the  
 4 En - gines and steel, loud pound - ing ham - mers, sing to the  
 5 Class - rooms and labs, loud boil - ing test - tubes, sing to the  
 6 Know - ledge and truth, loud sound - ing wis - dom, sing to the



1 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! O vic - to - ry,  
 2 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Flow - ers and trees,  
 3 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre,  
 4 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Lime - stone and beams,  
 5 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Ath - lete and band,  
 6 Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song! Daugh - ter and son,



1 loud shout - ing ar - my, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 2 loud rus - tling dry leaves, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 3 loud hum - ming cel - los, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 4 loud build - ing work - ers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 5 loud cheer - ing peo - ple, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!  
 6 loud pray - ing mem - bers, sing to the Lord \_\_\_\_\_ a new song!



*Refrain*  
 He hath done mar - vel - ous things.



I, too, will praise him with a new song!

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

POSTLUDE "Capriccio" - W.A. Mozart

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **A special announcement from Outreach House:**

We have been blessed with a strong & generous community which continues to step up and provide our clients with an abundance of grocery items. In the past, we have received a grant from the Diocese to cover the gaps; namely cleaning and hygiene products. Unfortunately, we did not receive that grant for 2026. St. James' has decided to make up for that loss, but we will need the help of our congregation.

**There will be an ongoing need for: Paper Towels & Toilet Paper**

**Items needed for June: Underwear - all sizes, men women, and children**

- The next **book club** gathering will be on **June 9th** at 11 am. We will be discussing "Eternal" by Lisa Scottoline. Lunch to follow at Bella Rosy!
- **Theology on Zoom** will resume in September!
- **Christ and Coffee** meets every Thursday at 11am in Platt's Hall.
- **Chair Yoga with Janice** - Tuesdays at 3:30, \$10 Questions? Call Janice at 610-745-7867
- **Redner's Save a Tape Program** provides ongoing support to Outreach House. Drop boxes for tapes are available at the church in the marked bin above the coat racks outside the office and in the lobby and the gated donation area at Outreach House
- **If you are visiting us for the first time**, please be sure to fill out the white card located in the front of your pew for more information about our Parish.



**Confirmation / Reception opportunities:** Any baptized individual may reaffirm their baptismal covenant and then be received into the Episcopal Church. The Rite offers individuals a chance to make a public profession of their faith and to tell the world that they intend to be a Christian in the Episcopal tradition. There will be three confirmation retreats, all on Saturdays, with the church providing lunch. You may choose from the below dates – please let Father Mike know as soon as possible! See Happenings for additional info.

- Saturday, August 15th – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
- Saturday, September 19th – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm
- Saturday, September 27th – 9:30 am to 1:30 pm

# **Pilgrimage** Scholarship Fund

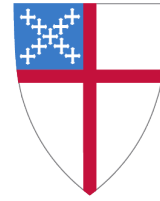


***We have 11 young people who are eligible for Pilgrimage in July 2027!!***  
We are funding much of it, and asking for family contributions, but there is still a gap to be filled and scholarships we hope to offer. ***We are accepting donations via check (please add 'pilgrimage' in your memo section) or you may use the QR code for Vanco.***



# St. James' Episcopal Church

*knowing and serving God by serving others*



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## CHURCH STAFF

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**Restrooms** are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

**Coffee Hour** is available following the 10am service. Please join us for a time of fellowship in Platts Hall.

### CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Children belong here! We welcome their God-given wiggles, questions, and joyful sounds. Please walk through the aisles, feed the babies, and leave and re-enter the service as you need. To assist families, we offer pew activity bags, a “pray-ground” in the back of the sanctuary, and a nursery space in Platts Hall.

**Drop-off Nursery Care** with our paid staff is available throughout the 8am and 10am services. The Nursery is in Platts Hall. Please ask an usher for assistance.

**Church School** is available for PreK - 12<sup>th</sup> grade during the 10am service (September - May.) Students are dismissed after the opening hymn and return for Communion.

**Youth Group** for 6<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade meets monthly (September - May.) See the bulletin board outside the Sanctuary for the current schedule.

### WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Saturday, 5pm (spoken service)  
Sunday, 8am (with music)  
Sunday, 10am (with music and choir)  
Live-Stream available at 10am

### WEEKDAY SCHEDULE

**Monday**  
AA (7pm, Platt's Hall)  
**Tuesday**  
Yoga with Janice (3:30 chair yoga, Platt's Hall)  
**Wednesday**  
Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6:30pm, Platt's Hall)  
Theology on Zoom (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)  
**Thursday**  
Christ and Coffee (11am, Platt's Hall)  
Scouts (7pm, Platt's Hall and Downstairs)  
Adult Choir Rehearsal (7:30pm, Choir Room)

### OUTREACH HOUSE

Interested in volunteering? See “Happenings” for our current schedule and sign-up links.  
  
Interested in becoming a client? Confidential assistance is available for parishioners. For more information, please speak with Fr. Mike.

**MEDIA POLICY:** St. James' Episcopal Church regularly photographs, and video records our worship services and events. Please note if you are attending our 10AM Worship Service you will be recorded on our live-stream broadcast.

## CHURCH VESTRY

**Rector's Warden:** Sue Rice | **Vestry Secretary:** Kathy Hutchinson | **Treasurer:** Mark Schultz | **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike **Communications & Fundraising:** Bill Kilgour & Ryan Collins | **Buildings & Grounds:** Gene Goff & Tanya Millet | **Fellowship:** Sue Rice & Peggy Schiavo | **New Member Ministry:** Chris Mycek & Karen Anderson | **Outreach Ministries:** Candy Nyce & Barbara Bateman | **Member at Large:** Geoff Pinney

Our Mission is: To know and serve God by serving others.  
**Worship has ended...Service Begins!**