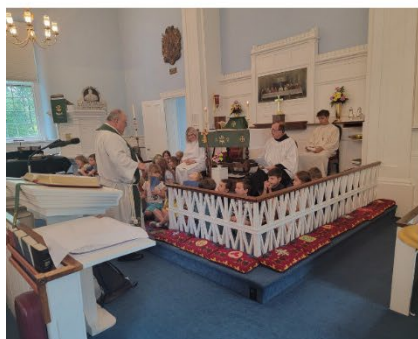




Welcome Back Sunday
5pm Saturday
8am & 10am Sunday
Holy Eucharist Rite Two

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

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Welcome Back Sunday
Proper 19
The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, September 13, 2026

The Word of God

PRELUDE: Adagio (K. 356) - W. A. Mozart

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation (Lobe den Herren)* (H 390)

Descant

4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

1 Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
2 Praise to the Lord; o - ver all things he glo - rious - ly
3 Praise to the Lord, who doth pros - per thy way and de -
4 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

a - tion; O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
reign - - eth: borne as on ea - gle - wings, safe - ly his
fend thee; sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy shall
dore him! All that hath life and breath come now with

prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound - from his
 health and sal - va - tion: join the great throng, psal - ter - y,
 saints he sus - tain - eth. Hast thou not seen how all thou
 ev - er at - tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.
 or - gan, and song, sound - ing in glad ad - o - ra - - - tion.
 need - est hath been grant - ed in what he or - dain - - - eth?
 might - y can do, who with his love doth be - friend thee.
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for ev - er a - dore him.

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 278 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)*

1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly King, al -
might - y God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For
you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord,



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, because without you we are not able to please you mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS *Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: Genesis 50:15-21

A Reading from the book of Genesis.

¹⁵Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" ¹⁶So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, ¹⁷'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. ¹⁸Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." ¹⁹But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? ²⁰Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. ²¹So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 103:1-13

¹Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.

²Bless the LORD, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.

³He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;

⁴He redeems your life from the grave *
 and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
⁵He satisfies you with good things, *
 and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
⁶The LORD executes righteousness *
 and judgment for all who are oppressed.
⁷He made his ways known to Moses *
 and his works to the children of Israel.
⁸The LORD is full of compassion and mercy, *
 slow to anger and of great kindness.
⁹He will not always accuse us, *
 nor will he keep his anger for ever.
¹⁰He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
 nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
¹¹For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
 so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
¹²As far as the east is from the west, *
 so far has he removed our sins from us.
¹³As a father cares for his children, *
 so does the LORD care for those who fear him.

SECOND READING: Romans 14:1-12

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

¹Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions.
²Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. ³Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. ⁴Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.
⁵Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. ⁶Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.
⁷We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. ⁸If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. ⁹For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.
¹⁰Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. ¹¹For it is written,
 "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,
 and every tongue shall give praise to God."
¹²So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

<i>Reader</i>	The Word of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

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

TITLE: "Forgive our sins as we forgive" (Detroit) (H 674)

1 "For - give our sins as we for - give" you
 2 How can your par - don reach and bless the
 3 In blaz - ing light your cross re - veals the
 4 Lord, cleanse the depths with - in our souls, and

taught us, Lord, to pray; but you a - lone can
 un - for - giv - ing heart that broods on wrongs and
 truth we dim - ly knew, how small the debts men
 bid re - sent - ment cease; then, re - con - ciled to

grant us grace to live the words we say.
 will not let old bit - ter - ness de - part?
 owe to us, how great our debt to you.
 God and man, our lives will spread your peace.

GOSPEL LESSON *All stand*

Matthew 18:21-35

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²¹Peter came and said to [Jesus], "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" ²²Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

²³"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. ²⁴When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; ²⁵and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. ²⁶So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' ²⁷And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' ²⁹Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' ³⁰But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. ³¹When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. ³²Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' ³⁴And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. ³⁵So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

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.

For those on the St. James' prayer list; Adele*, Amanda*, Angela*, Art*, Beverly*, Bob, Brian, Carol*, Carson, Cathy, Cheryl*, Chris, Dana, David, Eliza*, Fran A.*, Fran R, Fred*, Gary*, Harry*, Jan*, Jeannine*, Joan, Joanne, Katherine*, Mike*, Kelly*, Kyle, Laura, Lauren*, Laurie*, Michael, Nadine, Nancy, Nate*, Ron*, Sophie*, Stacy, Tim*, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Are there others?*

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.

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled- especially Richard Scaran, in whose name these flowers are given- and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. *Are there others?*

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.

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*

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

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

TITLE: *O bless the Lord, my soul (St. Thomas (Williams)) (H 411)*



1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
whose grace hath made thee whole,
whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
O bless the Lord, my soul!

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*

<i>Celebrant</i>	The Lord be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	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.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who grew to perfect manhood in his parents' home at
Nazareth, and in the home of friends in Bethany revealed himself as Life and Resurrection.

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 128 Holy, holy, holy (Mathias)

Ho - ly, ho - ly,

ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,

heaven 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

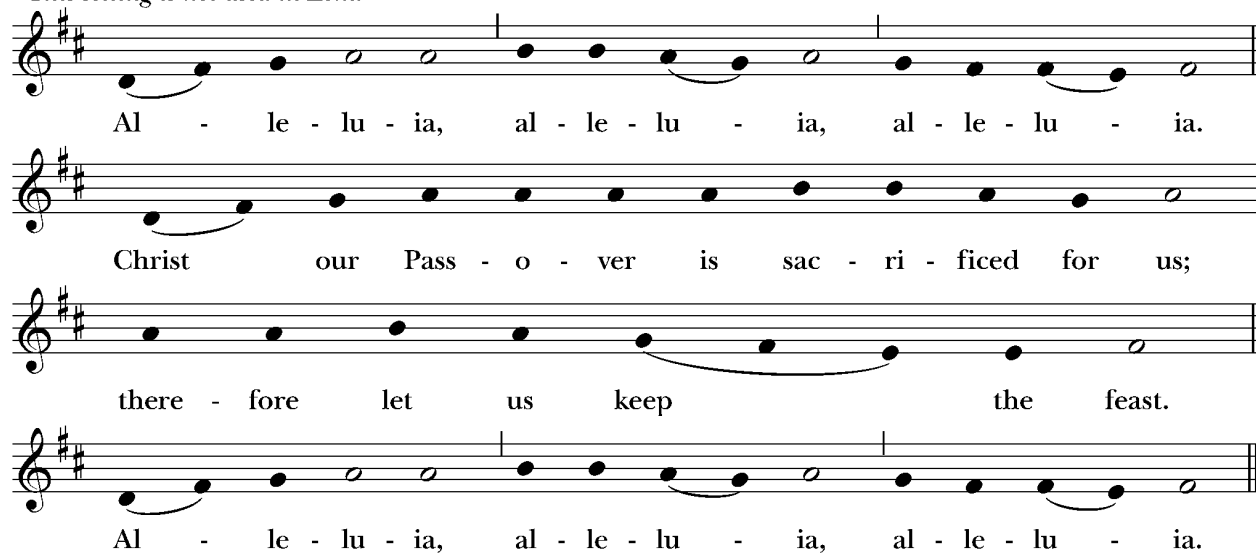
FRACTION ANTHEM (5pm spoken; 8 and 10am sung)

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)

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.

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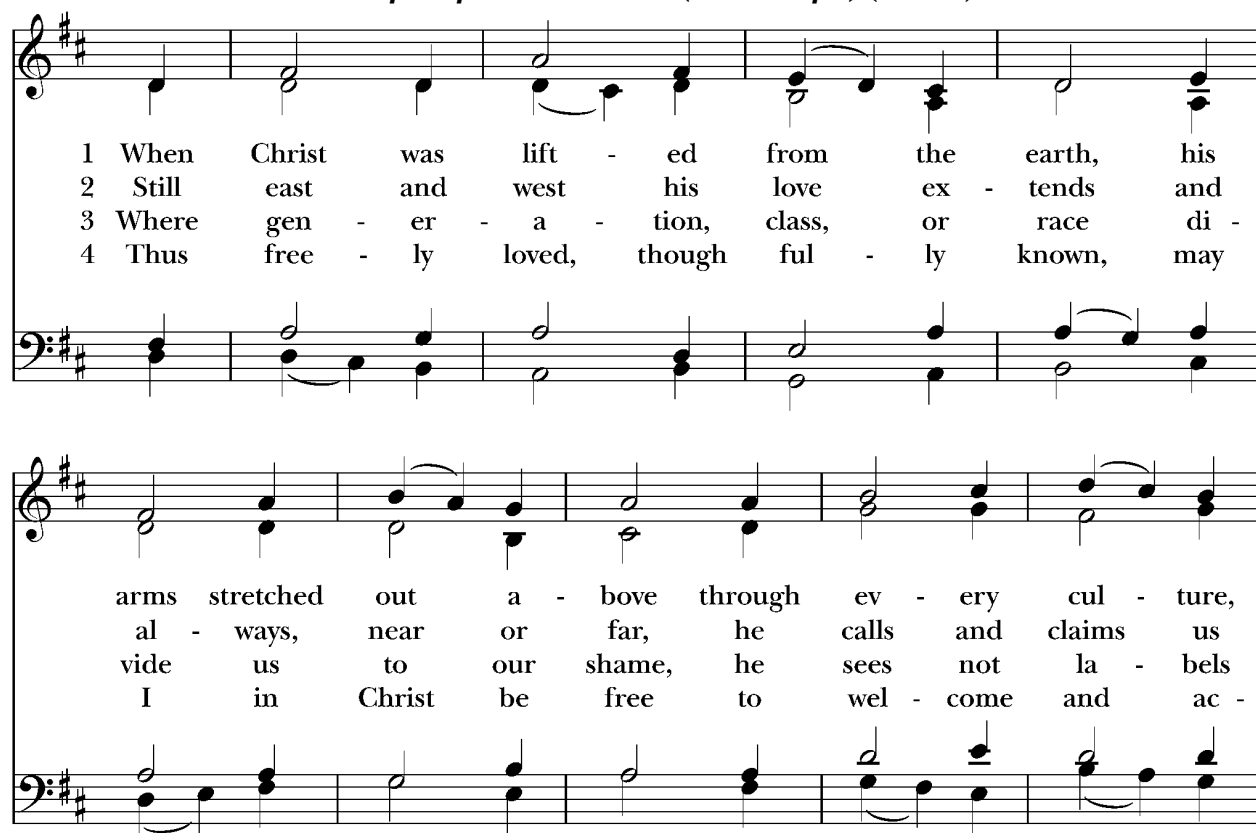
INVITATION (BCP p. 364) *The Celebrant says*

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.*

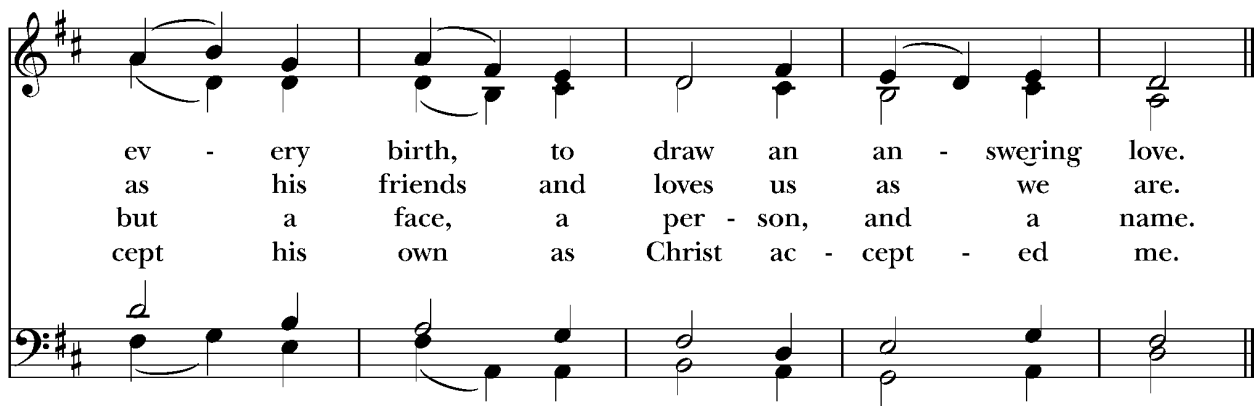
COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: When Christ was lifted from the earth (St. Botolph) (H 603)



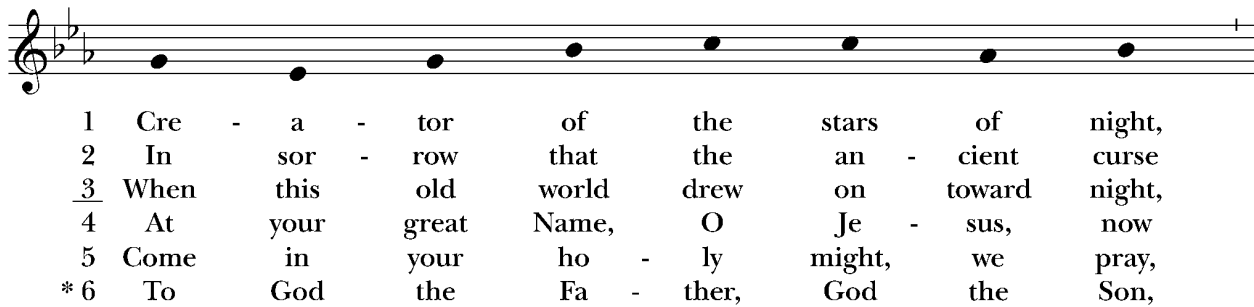
1 When Christ was lift - ed from the earth, his
 2 Still east and west his love ex - tends and
 3 Where gen - er - a - tion, class, or race di -
 4 Thus free - ly loved, though ful - ly known, may

arms stretched out a - bove through ev - ery cul - ture,
 al - ways, near or far, he calls and claims us
 vide us to our shame, he sees not la - bels
 I in Christ be free to wel - come and ac -

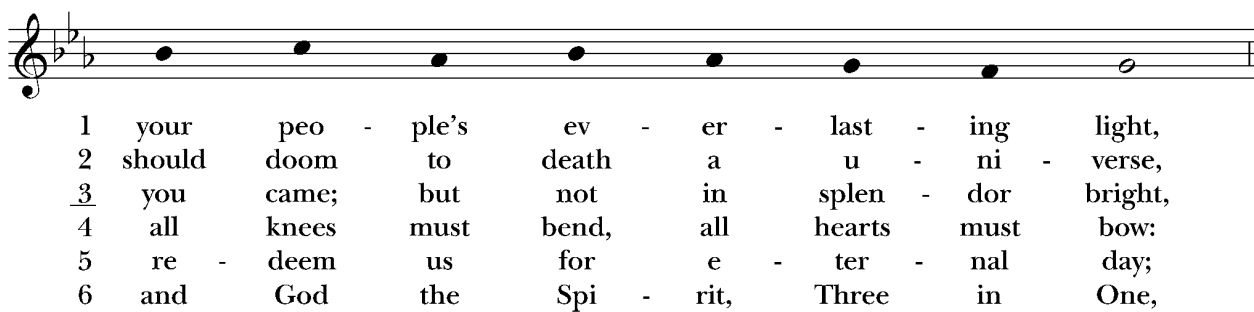


ev - ery birth, to draw an an - swering love.
 as his friends and loves us as we are.
 but a face, a per - son, and a name.
 cept his own as Christ ac - cept - ed me.

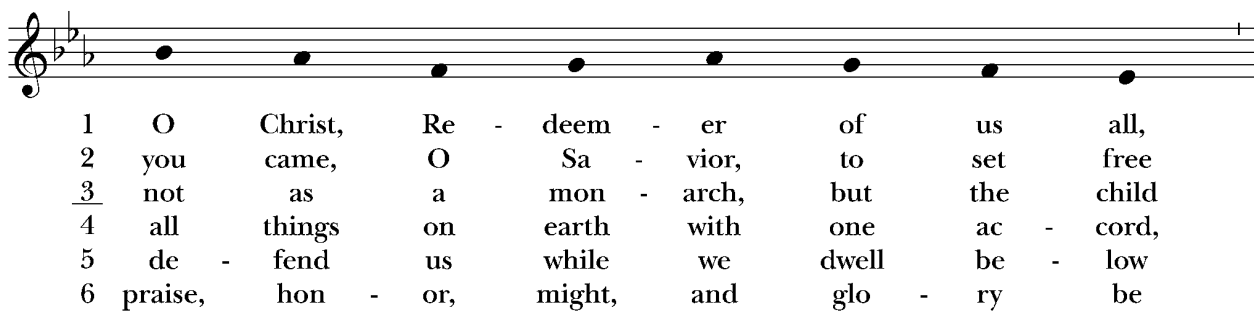
TITLE: *Creator of the stars of night (Conditor alme siderum) (H 60)*



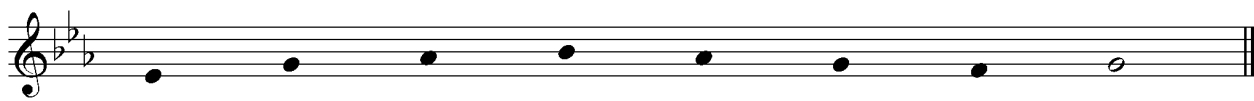
1 Cre - a - tor of the stars of night,
 2 In sor - row that the an - cient curse
 3 When this old world drew on toward night,
 4 At your great Name, O Je - sus, now
 5 Come in your ho - ly might, we pray,
 * 6 To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,



1 your peo - ple's ev - er - last - ing light,
 2 should doom to death a u - ni - verse,
 3 you came; but not in splen - dor bright,
 4 all knees must bend, all hearts must bow:
 5 re - deem us for e - ter - nal day;
 6 and God the Spi - rit, Three in One,



1 O Christ, Re - deem - er of us all,
 2 you came, O Sa - vior, to set free
 3 not as a mon - arch, but the child
 4 all things on earth with one ac - cord,
 5 de - fend us while we dwell be - low
 6 praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry be

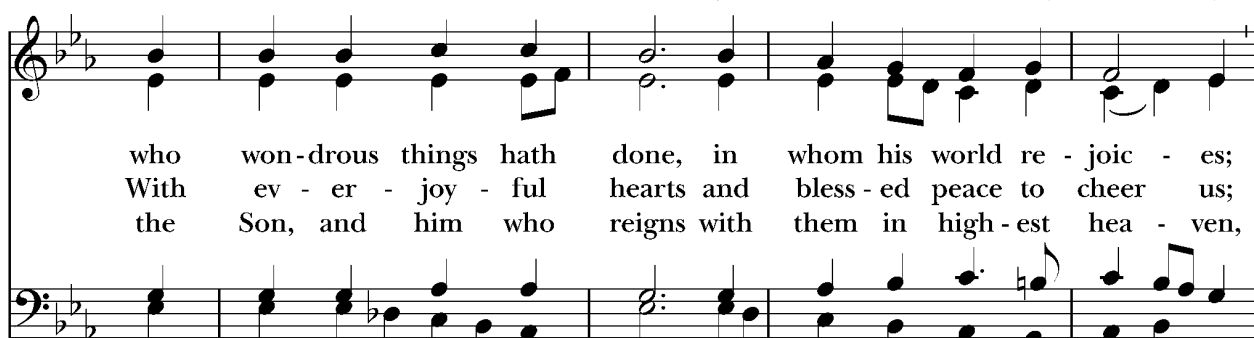


1 we pray you hear us when we call.
 2 your own in glo - rious li - ber - ty.
 3 of Ma - ry, blame - less mo - ther mild.
 4 like those in heaven, shall call you Lord.
 5 from all as - saults of our dread foe.
 6 from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

TITLE: *Now thank we all our God (Nun danket alle Gott)* (H 397)



1 Now thank we all our God, with heart, and hands, and voic - es,
 2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us!
 3 All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,



who won - drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 With ev - er - joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est hea - ven,



who from our mo - ther's arms hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in his grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
 e - ter - nal, Tri - une God, whom earth and heaven a - dore;

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be, ev - er - more.

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: *Praise, my soul, the King of heaven (Lauda anima)* (H 410)

Unison or harmony

1 Praise, my soul, the King of hea - ven; to his feet thy tri - bute bring;
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
3 Fa - ther-like he tends and spares us; well our fee - ble frame he knows;
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; ye be - hold him face to face;

ran-somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, ev - er - more his prais-es sing:
 praise him still the same as ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless:
 in his hand he gen - tly bears us, res-cues us from all our foes.
 sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, dwell-ers all in time and space.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

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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 September: - Boxed Cereals & School Snacks

- **Theology on Zoom** will resume September 16th!
- **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.



A blue rectangular graphic with white text and a QR code. The text 'Church School' is in a large, white, cursive font, and 'REGISTRATION' is in a smaller, white, bold, sans-serif font below it. Below the text, it says 'Scan the QR code or visit stjames-episcopal.org' in white, bold, sans-serif font. To the right of the text is a square QR code.

Church School
REGISTRATION

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Advanced tickets available! See Father Mike if interested.

CHICKEN BBQ

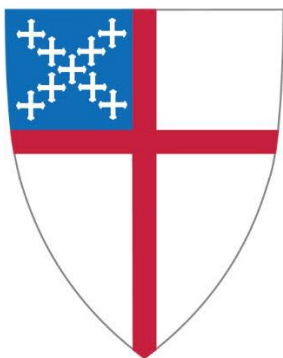
HELP SEND OUR KIDS TO LONDON
FOR A LIFE-CHANGING PILGRIMAGE!



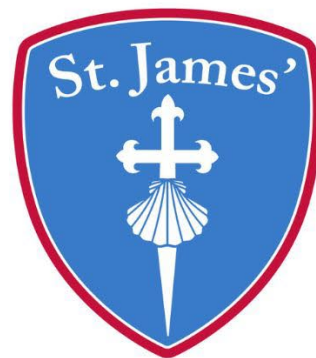
Saturday Sept. 26th 5pm- 7:30pm

Dine in or take out!

20\$ gets you:



**St. James' BBQ Chicken
Macaroni Salad
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Roll w/ Butter
Cookie**



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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.

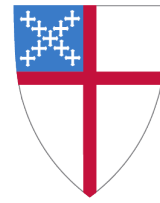


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Restrooms are located through Platts Hall. Please use the door next to the altar to exit, go down the hallway to Platts Hall, located to the right. Follow the signs to the bathrooms through the far door.

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.

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

Youth Group for 6th – 12th 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

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