



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



Pentecost XVI
5pm Saturday
8am & 10am Sunday
September 8, 2024
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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Pentecost XVI
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The Holy Eucharist Rite Two
Sunday, September 8, 2024

The Word of God

PRELUDE "And the Morning Stars Sang Together" - Douglas E. Wagner

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (8 and 10am only)

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

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 - joice, 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 heaven.

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.**

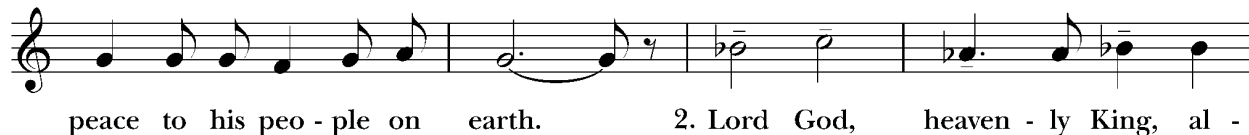
Celebrant Lord, have mercy.

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

TITLE: S 278 Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Mathias)



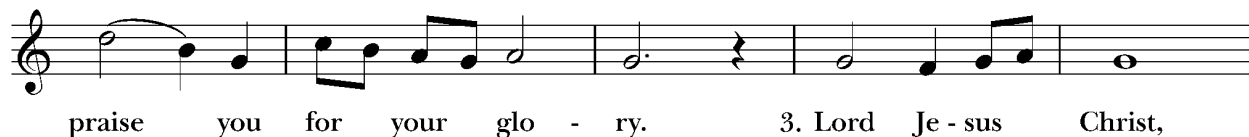
1. Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and



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



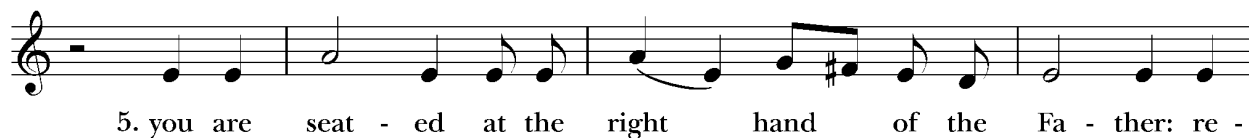
praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus Christ,



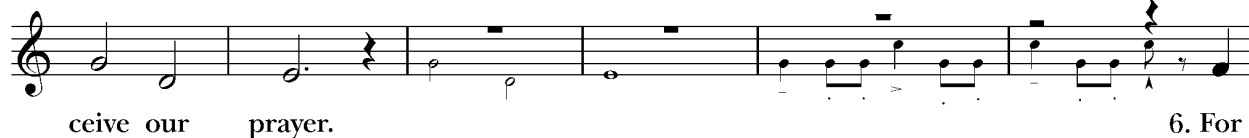
on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you



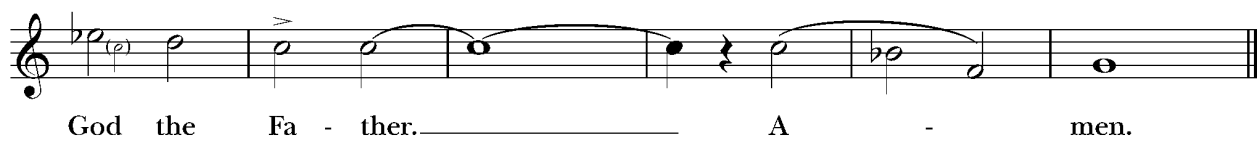
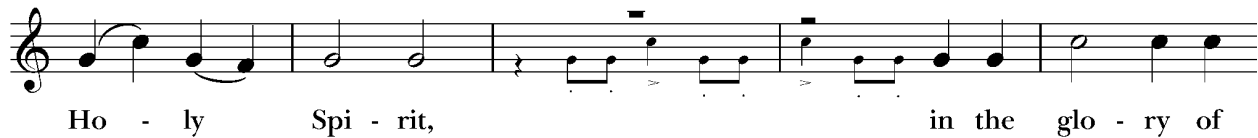
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;



5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -



ceive our prayer. 6. For



THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE LESSONS *Please be seated for the readings*

FIRST READING: Isaiah 35:4-7a

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart,

“Be strong, do not fear!

Here is your God.

He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.

He will come and save you.”

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.

For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

^{7a}the burning sand shall become a pool,
and the thirsty ground springs of water.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 146

¹Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! *

I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

²Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

³When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

⁴Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

⁵Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

⁶Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

⁷The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

⁸The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

⁹The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-10 [11-13] 14-17

A Reading from the letter of James.

¹My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ²For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," ⁴have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [¹¹For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no

mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN (8 and 10am only) All stand
TITLE: *Heal me, hands of Jesus (Sharpe) (WLP 773)*



1. Heal me, hands of Je - sus, and search out all my pain: re -
2. Cleanse me, blood of Je - sus, take bit - ter-ness a - way; let
3. Know me, mind of Je - sus, and show me all my sin; dis -
4. Fill me, joy of Je - sus: anx - i - e - ty shall cease and



store my hope, re - move my fear and bring me peace a - gain.
me for - give as one for - given and bring me peace to - day.
pel the mem - o - ries of guilt, and bring me peace with - in.
heaven's se - ren - i - ty be mine, for Je - sus brings me peace!

GOSPEL LESSON All stand
Mark 7:24-37

People The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

²⁴[Jesus] set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice,²⁵but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷He said to her, “Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” ²⁸But she answered him, “Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children’s crumbs.” ²⁹Then he said to her, “For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.” ³⁰So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

³¹Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. ³²They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, “Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.” ³⁵And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷They were astounded beyond measure, saying, “He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.”

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*

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;
That we all may be one.
Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;
That your Name may be glorified by all people.
We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;
That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.
We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;
That there may be justice and peace on the earth.
Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;
That our works may find favor in your sight.
Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

Give to the departed eternal rest, especially Baby James Derreth, and Steven Bender, in whose names these flowers are given; *Are there others?*

Let light perpetual shine upon them.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

We pray for those on the St. James' prayer list: Adele*, Alex, Alexis & Steven, Alicia, Andre, Annie*, Angela*, Art*, Becky, Beverly*, Bob, Calvin*, Carol*, Carolyn, Charlotte, Claudia, Dan, Dotty, Elaine, Eliza*, Esperanza, Fran A.*, Fran R., Fred, Gary, Jean*, Jeannine*, Jeff*, Jonathan*, Judy, Kathy*, Katie, Linda, Liz, Lois, Marvin & Debbie*, Marybeth, Marilyn, Michele, Patricia & Family, Mark, Mike, Pete, Rita, Sophie*, Stacy, Steve, Tim*, Willa, Will, and all those who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. *Are there others?*

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.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

For schools and classrooms and for the teachers and students who fill them each day, God of Wisdom, ***We give you thanks.***

For this new beginning, for new books and new ideas, God of Wisdom, ***We give you thanks.***

For sharpened pencils, pointy crayons, and crisp blank pages waiting to be filled, God of Wisdom, ***We give you thanks.***

For the gift of making mistakes and trying again, God of Wisdom, ***We give you thanks.***

Help us to remember that asking the right questions is often as important as giving the right answers. God of Wisdom, ***Hear our prayer.***

For education equity in this country and around the world, that all children everywhere might have what they need to learn and grow, God of Justice, *Hear our prayer.*

God, our teacher, we ask you to bless these your children with curiosity, understanding and respect. May their backpacks be a sign to them that they have everything they need to learn and grow this year in school and in Sunday School. May they be guided by your love. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, who as a child in the temple showed his longing to learn about you, and as an adult taught by story and example your great love for us. *Amen.*

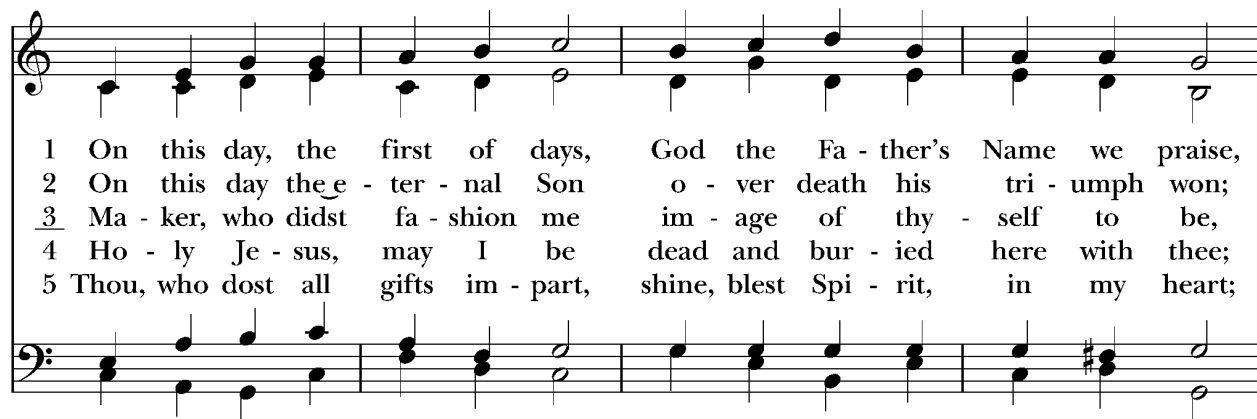
The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE *The Celebrant says*

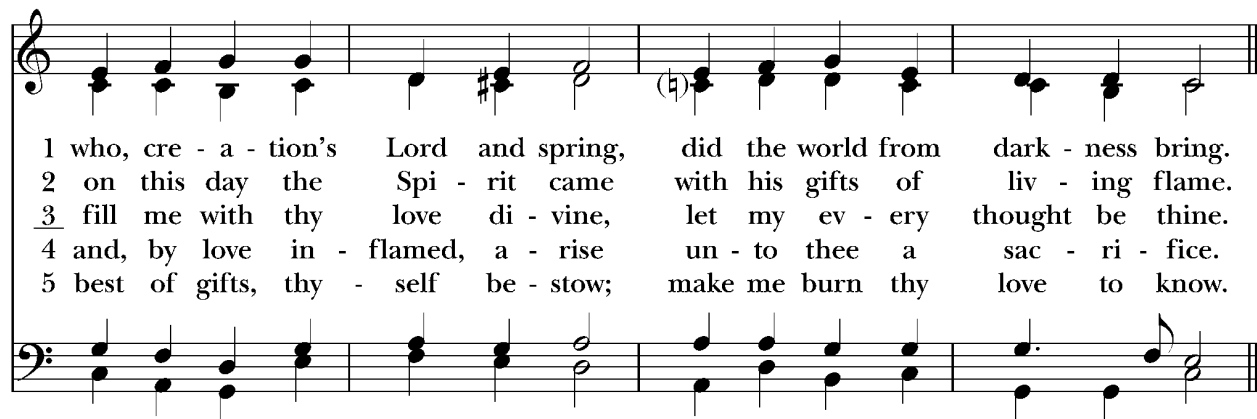
Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

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

TITLE: *On this day, the first of days (Gott sei Dank) (H 47)*



1 On this day, the first of days, God the Fa - ther's Name we praise,
2 On this day the e - ter - nal Son o - ver death his tri - umph won;
3 Ma - ker, who didst fa - shion me im - age of thy - self to be,
4 Ho - ly Je - sus, may I be dead and bur - ied here with thee;
5 Thou, who dost all gifts im - part, shine, blest Spi - rit, in my heart;



1 who, cre - a - tion's Lord and spring, did the world from dark - ness bring.
2 on this day the Spi - rit came with his gifts of liv - ing flame.
3 fill me with thy love di - vine, let my ev - ery thought be thine.
4 and, by love in - flamed, a - rise un - to thee a sac - ri - fice.
5 best of gifts, thy - self be - stow; make me burn thy love to know.

6 God, the blessed Three in One,
dwell within my heart alone;
thou dost give thyself to me:
help me give myself to thee.

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 B

SURSUM CORDA (BCP p. 367) *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 him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE (BCP p. 367) *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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

We remember his death,

We proclaim his resurrection,

We await his coming in glory;

EPICLESIS (BCP p. 369) *The Celebrant continues*

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. James and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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 forever. *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)

S 171 Be known to us (Plainsong/Martens) (S 171)

This setting is not used in Lent.

Antiphon: Cantor; then All



Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Cantor



1. The bread which we break, al - le - lu - ia,



is the com - mun - ion of the bo - dy of Christ. [Ant.]

Cantor



2. One bo - dy are we, al - le - lu - ia,



for though man - y we share one bread. [Ant.]

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.

COMMUNION HYMNS (8 and 10am only)

TITLE: *In boldness, look to God (Morning Song) (VF 94)*



1 In bold-ness, look to God for help, like wo - men folk who
 2 In bold-ness, lean on God for strength, and heal - ing from dis -
 3 In bold-ness, learn of God the truth of Ma - ry's bet - ter
 4 In bold-ness, love, nor count the cost. Con - front the world's harsh



dared: to ask that Je - sus heal a child, that
 ease, of mind and bod - y, heart and will, whose
 part: by fear and cen - sure un - de - terred, de -
 stare: like one who washed the feet of Christ, and

Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em) Ab(G) Bb(Am)

crumbs of grace be shared, that out - cast ones be
bond - age Je - sus frees. Reach out and touch the
ter - mined in her heart to kneel at Je - sus'
wiped them with her hair, poured per - fume to a -

Eb(D) Ab(G) Fm(Em) Db(C) Eb(D) Fm(Em)

wel - comed to the feast God has pre - pared.
hem of Christ, and gath - er spi - rit's ease.
feet and learn the wis - dom he im - parts.
noint her Lord, and left love's fra - grance there.

TITLE: *Heal me, Lord* (VF 91)

Part I

1 Heal me, Lord, heal me, Lord, heal me,
am, here I am, here I
you, touch-ing you, touch-ing
Lord, thank you, Lord, thank you,

Part II

1, 2, 3 in your mer-cy in your mer-cy
4 for your mer-cy for your mer-cy

Lord, heal me, Lord. 2 Here I
am, here I am. 3 Touch-ing
you, touch-ing you. 4 Thank you,
Lord, thank you, Lord. Oo _

in your mer-cy, heal me, Lord, in your mer-cy.
in your mer-cy, here I am, in your mer-cy.
in your mer-cy, touch-ing you, in your mer-cy.
for your mer-cy, thank you, Lord.

Oo

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TITLE: *Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old (St. Matthew) (H 567)*

1 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old was strong to
 2 And lo! thy touch brought life and health, gave hear - ing,
 3 Be thou our great de - liv - erer still, thou Lord of

heal and save; it tri - umphed o'er dis - ease and death,
 strength, and sight; and youth re - newed and fren - zy calmed
 life and death; re - store and quick - en, soothe and bless,

o'er dark - ness and the grave. To thee they went, the
 owned thee, the Lord of light: and now, O Lord, be
 with thine al - might - y breath: to hands that work and

blind, the deaf, the pal - sied, and the lame, the lep - er
 near to bless, al - might - y as of yore, in crowd - ed
 eyes that see, give wis - dom's heaven - ly lore, that whole and

set a - part and shunned, the sick with fe - vered frame.
 street, by rest - less couch, as by Gen - nes - aret's shore.
 sick, and weak and strong, may praise thee ev - er - more.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER (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 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.

DISMISSAL (BCP p. 366)

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

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

POSTLUDE "This Is My Song" - Douglas E. Wagner

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Outreach House Items for the Week:** Dish Soap & Laundry Detergent
- If you would like pledge envelopes for **2025 stewardship**, please contact the office
- **Blessing of the Backpacks** has a makeup date of September 8th. Students should bring their backpacks and place them around the Baptismal Font.
- **Theology on Zoom** resumes Wednesday, Sept 11th at 7pm. We will begin with the Epistle Philippians!
- **Christ and Coffee** resumes on Thursday Sept 12th at 11am in Platt's Hall!
- **Youth Group returns!** Youth Group will meet again on September 22 (6:30 – 7:30pm) for Mini Golf at Waltz Golf Farm. Family members of the youth group are welcome to stay and play separately at your own cost (the church will cover the youth group attendees.) Join us for a night of fun!
- Support the ECW on Boscov's **Friends Helping Friends** day. Shop on October 22nd between 8a-11a and receive 25% off! To purchase a shopping pass for \$5, contact Doreen Mayconich dkmayconich@comcast.net
- **Get ready for Drum Circle!** If you can echo words, you can play them! This is the concept behind our new Drum Circle for Kindergarten through 5th Grade. The Drum Circle will be hosted in (2) 6 - week sessions and take place on Thursday nights from 6:30 - 7:00pm. Players are invited to come and go as their schedule allows. The Drum Circle will share a performance of their work during the 10am service on October 27th and April 20th (Easter Sunday). For the complete schedule, see the "Music, Education, and Youth Fellowship Calendar." Note: if you are 6th - 12th grade and would like to join us as a youth leader, please let me know!
- **Rector's Cross sign-up!** If your child is 3 years old – 5th grade and is interested in carrying the Rector's Cross in the procession, please sign-up via the weekly youth email.
- **Come sing with us!** Are you looking for an opportunity to learn, fellowship, and use that beautiful, God given voice of yours? Come join us for Adult Choir! We meet on Thursday nights from 7:30 – 9:00pm beginning Thursday, September 12th. Come make some new friends and sing some new songs!
- 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:

	 <p style="margin: 0;">WELCOME to St. James Episcopal Church <i>knowing and serving God by serving others</i> 3768 Germantown Pike, Collegeville, PA 19426 610-489-7564 www.stjames-episcopal.org</p>  <p style="margin: 0;">We are happy to have you worship with us and hope to see you again. Please take a moment to fill in the other side of this card and put it in the offering plate or hand it to the usher.</p> <p style="margin: 0; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Welcome to St. James'!</p>
<p>Date: _____</p> <p>Name(s) _____</p> <p>e-mail address: _____</p> <p>Street Address: _____</p> <p>City _____ State _____ Zip _____</p> <p>I am a member of _____ Church in _____</p> <p>Or _____/we have no church affiliation.</p>	



Outreach House Fund Raiser

Man's Best Friend Pet Basket
Chocolate Lovers Box
Family Game Night Box

Tickets: \$2 - 1, \$5 - 6, \$10 - 8

Available: Saturday, Sept. 7 & Sunday, Sept 8 following worship
Saturday, Sept. 14 during Chicken Barbeque

Food and Fellowship!



BBQ

**Saturday Sept. 14th
5pm - 7:30pm - Dine in or take out!**

Menu:
St. James' BBQ Chicken
Macaroni Salad
Baked Beans
Applesauce
Roll w/ Butter
Cookie
Cost TBD



All are welcome!
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*To volunteer, please see sign-up link in Happenings,
or contact Rob Samtmann 610-761-1629*



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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 - 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

Yoga with Janice (5pm, Platt's Hall)
 AA Meeting (7pm, Platt's Hall)

Wednesday

Veterans in Recovery Meeting (6pm, Platt's Hall)
 Theology on Zoom resumes Sept. 11th! (7:30pm, link in Happenings, Sept-May)

Thursday

Christ and Coffee resumes Sept 12th! (11am, Platt's Hall)
 Drum Circle/Teen Choir (6:30pm, Select Nights)
 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: Sarah Deacle; **People's Warden:** Marilyn Hastings; **Vestry Secretary:** Kathy Hutchinson; **Outreach Ministries:** Marilyn Hastings, Barbara Bateman; **Treasurer:** Phil Tatem; **Fellowship:** Rob Samtmann, Sue Rice; **Member Ministry:** David Woodrow, Sharon Hanson; **Building & Grounds:** Francois Springuel, Gene Goff; **Communications:** Janice Tabbut, Ryan Collins; **Education & Worship:** Fr. Mike

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