



St. James's Episcopal Church
Sixth Sunday after Pentecost
July 20, 2025
10 am

Holy Eucharist Rite II and Baptisms

Before the liturgy, in silence, talk to God. During the liturgy, let God speak to you.

After the liturgy, speak to one another. Please silence all electronic devices.

Prelude: Praeludium in G minor BuxWV 149 Dietrich Buxtehude

The people stand as able.

Hymn 423: *St. Denio*, "Immortal, invisible, God only wise"

Holy Baptism

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 299

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Celebrant There is one Body and one Spirit;

People There is one hope in God's call to us;

Celebrant One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

People One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day *BCP* 231

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

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

The people sit.

Old Testament: Genesis 18:1-10a

The LORD appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them, and bowed down to the ground. He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah, and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." Abraham ran to the herd, and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree while they ate. They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Remaining seated, the people read the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 15 *Domine, quis habitabit?*

BCP 599

LORD, who may dwell in your tabernacle?

who may abide upon your holy hill?

Whoever leads a blameless life and does what is right,

who speaks the truth from his heart.

There is no guile upon his tongue; he does no evil to his friend;

he does not heap contempt upon his neighbor.

In his sight the wicked is rejected,

but he honors those who fear the LORD.

He has sworn to do no wrong

and does not take back his word.

He does not give his money in hope of gain,

nor does he take a bribe against the innocent.

Whoever does these things

shall never be overthrown.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 488: *Slane*, "Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart"

Gospel: Luke 10:38-42

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

As Jesus and his disciples went on their way, Jesus entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

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

Sermon: The Reverend Penny Nash

The people stand as able.

Hymn 513: Bridegroom, "Like the murmur of the dove's song"

Presentation and Examination of the Candidates

BCP 301

Celebrant The Candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors I present *N.* to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Celebrant Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you
present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you by your prayers and witness help this child
to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Sponsors I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces
of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which
corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the
love of God?

Answer I renounce them.

Celebrant Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Savior?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Do you promise to follow and obey him as your Lord?

Answer I do.

Celebrant Will you who witness these vows do all in your power
to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People We will.

Celebrant Let us join with those who are committing themselves to
Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Baptismal Covenant

BCP 304

The People stand as able.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Celebrant Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Celebrant Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.

Celebrant Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News
of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant Will you strive for justice and peace among all people,
and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Celebrant

Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

The People respond to each petition, saying, "Lord, hear our prayer."

Leader Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

Leader Open their hearts to your grace and truth.

Leader Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

Leader Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

Leader Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

Leader Send them into the world in witness to your love.

Leader Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

Celebrant

Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. *Amen.*

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Baptism

Celebrant

N, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. *Amen.*

N, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. *Amen.*

Receive this light as a sign of the new life which has been enkindled in you.

Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. *Amen.*

Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The people sit.

Greeting and Announcements

The Holy Communion

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive the Body and Blood of our Lord at the altar. Gluten-free wafers are available. To receive a blessing at the altar instead, simply cross your arms across your chest.

Offering of Gifts and Praise

To make a gift online, you may use the QR code in the back section of the bulletin.

Étude #9

Clément Loret

Hymn 380 (v. 3): *Old 100th*, “Praise God, from whom all blessings flow”

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

BCP 369

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.

Celebrant God of all power, Ruler of the Universe,
you are worthy of glory and praise.

People Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of
interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses,
and this fragile earth, our island home.

People By your will they were created and have their being.

Celebrant From the primal elements you brought forth the human
race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made
us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and
betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

People Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Celebrant Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and
sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of
time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your
Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

People By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

Celebrant And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly

chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus S129

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel as able.

Celebrant

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, 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, gave thanks, 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."

Celebrant Remembering now his work of redemption,
and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

People We celebrate his death and resurrection,
as we await the day of his coming.

Celebrant Lord God of our Fathers and Mothers; God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; God of Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, and Leah; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

People Risen, Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Celebrant Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus

Christ, our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. *AMEN.*

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

People and Celebrant

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant 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.

Music at Communion

Hymn 304: *Land of Rest*, “I come with joy to meet my Lord”

Special Celebrations and Prayers

People with birthdays or anniversaries during the week and any with special prayer requests may come to the Chapel after receiving Communion to receive a blessing.

Hymn 711: *Seek ye first*, “Seek ye first the kingdom of God”

The people stand or kneel as able.

Postcommunion Prayer

BCP 366

Celebrant and People

Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

The people stand as able.

Blessing

Hymn 544: *Duke Street*, “Jesus shall reign where’er the sun”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: Fugue in D minor BWV 538

Johann Sebastian Bach

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Page Parrish Wright*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Penny Nash

Celebrant: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lector: Patty Duffy

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Teri Miles, Susan Siegfried

Crucifer: Thomas McGetrick

Altar Guild Group 2: Trish Bishop, Alice Campbell, Vann Williams;

Leader: Sally Watters; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Jeanette McKittrick, Loretta Miller

Usher Team 5: Billy Baxter, Ralph Cummins, Mike DeCamps, John Leitch, David A. Stock, Will Tribble, Julien Williams; *Team Leader:* T.A. Hickman; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton

Musicians

Singers: Dr. Lisa Edwards Burrs, Christopher Ryan

Organist: Casey Dunaway

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

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Baptisms

Shea Caroline Bland, daughter of Sarah and Wesley Bland, sister of Zoe, granddaughter of Peggy and Hank Skrocki, and Sidney and Dicky Bland. Shea's godparents are Megan Cornell, Abby Bland, and Laura Bland.

William Perry Kehlenbeck, son of Ginny and David Kehlenbeck, brother of Elizabeth Kehlenbeck, grandson of Lindsay and Coley Wortham, Vickery Kehlenbeck, and the late Bill Kehlenbeck. William's godparents are Tyler Joiner and Alexandra Povlishock.

Harrison Whitten Long Jr., son of Emily and Whit Long, brother of Likely and Sheppard Long, grandson of Margaret and Chuck Keck, and Drs. Georganne and Stephen Long. Whitten's godparents are Terry Walsh and Amy Moses.

Sheppard Eileen Winifred Long, daughter of Emily and Whit Long, sister of Likely and Whitten Long, granddaughter of Margaret and Chuck Keck, and Drs. Georganne and Stephen Long. Sheppard's godparents are Brad Williams and Jillian Hogan.

William Thomas Ulmer II, son of Anna Wells and Peter Ulmer, grandson of Martha and John Crowley, and Carol and Charles Ulmer. Billy's godparents are Cille Crowley and Billy Ulmer.

Prayers of the People

Please lift up to God those who have asked for our prayers:

For the sick and in need: especially Marjorie, Tom, Kathy, Denise, Peyton, John, Dave, Charles, Walter, Schnucki, Elizabeth, Katharine, Bunky, Jeanette, Sara, Julia, Jean, Ed, Melissa, Kent, Brad, Bobbie, Doug, Stevie, Lyla, Alex, Brian, and Barbara

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for the Episcopal Church and the Anglican Communion and all Bishops, Priests, Deacons, and Lay Leaders

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Luke Doerr, Dave Irvin, Janie Law, Olivia Sibley, Kathryn West, Luke Williams, and Stella Williams

For those who have died recently: especially Jim Wilkin

Upcoming Events

This Friday, July 18, the Children's Center Dragonflies class (elementary school summer campers) will be making lemonade and running a LemonAid Stand as a community service project from 10 am to noon. The stand will be set up on Franklin Street outside of the Memorial Garden. Each cup costs only one dollar, and 100% of the funds will be donated to the Children's Hospital of Richmond at VCU to help children fighting cancer. **It doesn't get better than kids helping kids!**

Are you in or around the 60's range and looking for ways to connect with other parishioners? Save the date for **this month's 60+ Social, Sunday, July 27** from 5 pm-6:30 pm! Bring your favorite drink, and an appetizer to share if you'd like, and join us in the Michaux House parlors and spaces for some summer fellowship.

July 27-29, the Rev. Paula Henson, or Mother Paula, will be visiting from Navajoland. There will be three gatherings hosted by members of three Episcopal congregations who have participated in pilgrimages, including St. James's. We hope you'll take the opportunity to join as many of these events as you're able, but **we especially hope to see you here on Tuesday, July 29 at 5:30 pm for the Talking Circle** with lite dinner. RSVP for this event by reaching out to Carol Maher at carolsdream@gmail.com.

Music Notes

Our guest organist today is **Casey Dunaway**. In addition to playing the service, he will offer a guided tour of the inside of our beautiful C.B. Fisk organ after the 10 am service. Anyone wishing to see the interior of this magnificent instrument should meet Casey in the choir loft after the service.

Casey was the lead tonal-finisher for our C.B Fisk organ and has maintained and tuned it ever since, as well as being a regular substitute organist at St. James's. He was an organbuilder with C.B. Fisk organbuilders from 1983-1996 where he was a tonal-finisher & cabinetmaker for over 25 instruments. He has 40+ years of experience playing, building, & maintaining tracker-action pipe organs with a strong love of historic European instruments. He studied organ performance with Dr. Roberta Gary at the University of Cincinnati Conservatory, Dr. R. Edward Zimmerman (Wheaton), and Donna Robertson (Mars Hill College). He has held various church positions since 1996 in Richmond where he lives with his wife Lisa, and they have two adult children, twins Rachel and Jack. Casey's father was an Episcopal priest and his mother a church organist in Virginia for most of their lives.