



St. James's Episcopal Church
Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
July 6, 2025
8:30 am & 10 am

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

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: Selections from *Fireworks Music Suite* George F. Handel
Arr. E. Power Biggs, Lindsey

The people stand as able.

Hymn 657: *Hyfrydol*, "Love divine, all loves excelling"

The Word of God

Opening Acclamation *The Book of Common Prayer*, page 355

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

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

Collect for Purity

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.*

Gloria S280

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The people sit.

Old Testament: Isaiah 66:10-14

Thus says the LORD: "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her—that you may nurse and be satisfied from her consoling breast; that you may drink deeply with delight from her glorious bosom. For thus says the LORD: I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall nurse and be carried on her arm, and dandled on her knees. As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bodies shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the LORD is with his servants, and his indignation is against his enemies."

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

The people remain seated while reading the Psalm responsively by half verse.

Psalm 66:1-8 *Jubilate Deo*

BCP673

Be joyful in God, all you lands;

sing the glory of his Name; sing the glory of his praise.

Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!

because of your great strength your enemies cringe before you.

All the earth bows down before you,

sings to you, sings out your Name."

Come now and see the works of God,

how wonderful he is in his doing toward all people.

He turned the sea into dry land,
so that they went through the water on foot,
and there we rejoiced in him.

In his might he rules for ever; his eyes keep watch over the nations;
let no rebel rise up against him.

Bless our God, you peoples;
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

Who holds our souls in life,
and will not allow our feet to slip.

The people stand as able.

Hymn 597: *Jerusalem, "O day of peace that dimly shines"*

Gospel: Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

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

The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

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

Sermon: The Reverend Penny Nash

The people stand as able.

Nicene Creed

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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.

Prayers of the People, Form VI

BCP 392

The Leader and People pray responsively, standing or kneeling

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

Silence

For all people in their daily life and work;
For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;
For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;
For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For those who are sick or in need and who have asked for our prayers,
especially:

Leader and People

Tom, Kathy, Peyton, John, Dave, Charles, Walter, Schnucki, Elizabeth,
Katharine, Bunky, Sara, Jean, Ed, Melissa, Brad, Bobbie, Doug, Jim,
Stevie, Lyla, Alex, Brian, and Barbara

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Sean, our Presiding Bishop, and Mark, Gayle, and Mark, our
Bishops; and for all bishops and other ministers;
For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

Silence

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, especially Charles Cabell, that they may
have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
Who put their trust in you.

Celebrant

Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought here out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

BCP 360

Priest Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence.

Priest 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.*

Celebrant

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.*

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.

Hymn 579: *Melita*, “Almighty Father, strong to save”

Invitation to Communion

At this time the children may come forward to the altar or the rug for a closer view of the celebration of Holy Communion.

The people stand as able.

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

Hymn 717 (v. 4): *America*, “Our fathers’ God, to thee”

Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer C

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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.

As the children return to their parents, the people sing.

Refrain: This is the feast of victory for our God.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Verse 3 Sing with all the people of God
and join in the hymn of all creation. *Refrain*

Music at Communion

Hymn: *Finlandia*, “This is my song” (*see insert*)

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: *Terra Patris*, “This is my father’s world” (*see insert*)

The people stand or kneel as able.

Postcommunion Prayer

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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 718: *National Hymn*, “God of our fathers”

Dismissal

People Thanks be to God.

Postlude: The Star-Spangled Banner (National Anthem) and Improvisation

*The flowers at the altar are given to the Glory of God and in memory of
Anne Beattie Fowlkes, Dr. Carroll Harris Fowlkes, Dr. Richard Williamson
Fowlkes, Carroll Harris Fowlkes, Jr., Marjorie Northen Fowlkes, Charles
Cyrus Adams,
Anne Fowlkes Adams, and Sara Fowlkes Oliver*

Service Participants

Preacher: The Reverend Penny Nash

Celebrant: The Reverend Blake Singer

Lector: Barbara Wright

Lay Eucharistic Ministers: Stacy Brinkley, Carrie Rose Pace

Altar Guild Group 5: Mary Fox, Elizabeth Harvard, Anita Towell, Betsy

Trow; *Leader:* Kitsie Garland; *Co-Chairs:* Lucy Meade, Debbie Meigs

Flower Guild Co-Chairs: Jeanette McKittrick, Loretta Miller

Usher Team 4: Ferd Baruch, Janet Baruch, Jim Cosby, Randy Ellis, Jay

Jennings, Ed Jewett, Vance Spilman, Scott Ukrop, Murray Wright;
Team Leader: Jay West; *Chief Usher:* Harry Turton

Musicians

Singers: Kelsey Snyder, John Tyndall

Organist: Charles Lindsey

Director of Music: Dr. Mark A. Whitmire

Prayers of the People

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

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: for the congregation and clergy of Emmanuel, Brook Hill in Richmond

For the newly born: especially Mary Rhodes “Mini” Keeling, daughter of Anna and Chris Keeling and granddaughter of Carrie and Doug Dorsey, and Thompson John Wortham, son of Cameron and Coleman Wortham

For all celebrating their birthdays this week, especially those who celebrate their birthdays today: Lee Adamson, Rob Austin, Meta Braymer, Ken Clendenin, Stella Hays Gottwald, Pierce Lamberson, Jack McDowell, Mariah Macon, Cindy Montague, and Campbell Watt

For those who have died recently: especially Charles Cabell



Upcoming Events

We're just a couple of weeks away from July's Richmond Kickers vs. Chattanooga Redwolves game! **Join us on the 12th at 7 pm for an evening out for the whole parish.** You can purchase your general admission tickets to the game at the QR code here.

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.

The WomanKind Committee is looking for two Logistics subcommittee Co-chairs. These co-chairs will join an incredible group of 20+ committed volunteers who are planning this event. The Logistics subcommittee will oversee projects including workshop room assignments, parking arrangements, and ensuring guest speakers have the necessary equipment and supplies. Interested? Reach out to milynewmanstock@gmail.com, rachel.williard@stewardschool.org, or mbraymer@comcast.net.

Music Notes

TOP 10 SKILLS CHILDREN LEARN FROM THE ARTS:

1. CREATIVITY
2. CONFIDENCE
3. PROBLEM SOLVING
4. PERSEVERANCE
5. FOCUS
6. NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION
7. RECEIVING CONSTRUCTIVE FEEDBACK
8. COLLABORATION
9. DEDICATION
10. ACCOUNTABILITY



“O sing unto God with the voice of melody.” -Psalm 47:1

Cherub Choir (Pre-K, K and Gr 1)

Children's Choir (Gr 2, 3 and 4)

Youth Choir (Gr 5 to 12)

Fall will be here before you know it. Now is the perfect time for your children to sign up for choir. Email Dr. W at mwhitmire@doers.org if you have any questions or are ready to sign up.

There's more to know in the eChimes

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